THE

Montreal Snow Shoe Club,

ITS HISTORY AND RECORD,

WITH A

SYNOPSIS OF THE RACING EVENTS OF OTHER CLUBS

THROUGHOUT THE DOMINION FROM

1840 TO THE PRESENT TIME.

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TO

MY COMRADES OF THE

MONTREAL SNOW SHOE CLUB

THIS WORK,

whose principal purpose is to relate the history of the old "Tuque Bleue,"

IS RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED.

PREFACE.

When I first essayed to give to the friends of the "Montreal" a history of the Club, I had an idea that a small pamphlet would suffice. As time went on and the history was being written up, it became evident that it would be necessary—in order to the completeness, so desirable in works of a like nature—to embrace accounts of races and meetings held under the auspices of other organizations, at which members of the "Tuque Bleue," or those who subsequently joined its ranks, took part.

This entailed more labour than was anticipated, though, happily, I was partly prepared for the task, having had in my youth the usual boyish desire to "keep a scrap book"; and my fancy turning to legitimate Amateur Athletic sports I was enabled to compile from these scraps, detailed reports of all the recorded snow-shoe racing events which have taken place in Canada, since the year 1840.

In many instances, my personal observation is responsible for the accuracy of the information contained in this Book, and it is believed the records may be accepted as thoroughly trustworthy.

Appeals have been made by me to the veteran members of the Club, for reminiscences of the early days of the club's existence, but the great treasure house from which it has been my privilege to draw, has been the vigorous memory of our oldest member and Honorary President, Nicholas H. Hughes, Esq.

To Messrs. W. L. Maltby, D. E. Bowie, W. G. Beers, W. H. Whyte, R. D. McGibbon, John K. Reid, John Horn, John Leslie (Ottawa) and T. A. Anderson (Quebec) I am indebted for much valuable assistance, in the preparation of the work which is now submitted to the public.

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On page 113—see Reports of "Aurora" Club's "walks," in years 1861-1862-1863, and 3 mile running race, 1864.

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On page 506—see Report "Levis (Que) Club' Races, partly omitted on page 287.

On pages 506 and 508— see Reports "Terra Nova" Club Steeple Chases, omitted at dates.

On page 507—see Report of Annual Meeting of Montreal Club of 1876 7, omitted in Season.

On page 508—see Report, final heat, Mowat-Starke Race, omitted in Season 1876-7.

THE history of the Montreal Snow Shoe Club, during an existence of over forty years, would supply matter sufficient for a huge volume, but in the "contemplation of the present" by its early members, and in the absence of official minutes, many interesting events have passed into oblivion. Tradition and the memory of the "oldest member" have done their best for the writer, who will endeavour to give as accurate a sketch of the early days of the Club, as possible under the circumstances.

In the year 1840, the club numbered twelve members, who tramped out of town once a week, on Saturday afternoon. On their return after a ten or twelve mile walk, they repaired to a famous Café on St. James Street, near the corner of St. Peter Street, kept by L. Tetu, whose hospitable board afforded every luxury relished by the jolly crew, in those days representing our now flourishing Club.

Should we dive deeper into the mysteries and seek why our early Snow Shoe men patronized "the Café," I fear that other and more potent reasons than the choice viands tempted their presence, for tradition hath it, that the Snow Shoe men of that era were quite as susceptible to the charms of female beauty and worth as the "heroes of the Shoes" at the present time, and Dame Rumour

has accused more than one of the handsome fellows who stretched their pedal extremities under mine host Tetu's mahogany, of being attracted thither through the mesmeric influence of the fair dame presiding over the establishment in conjunction with her lord. Here too was found that genial youth, Henry Hogan whose "make up" of a bowl of punch, served to magnetize those from whom old age had eradicated the last traces of the tender passion.

Before leaving this part of our subject perhaps the names of a few of these worthies would not be out of place, and many who read this will remember the strapping fellows "who went snow shoeing a long time ago." Many of them have passed away, leaving "olive branches," who have nobly trod in their shoes, though smaller—a few however remain, steady, stout old *patres familiæ*, whose shape serves as a fearful warning to those of us, whose youth is the only safeguard from a like fate. Still we must not laugh as we come across these stout old gentlemen, who laid the foundation of our Club, for ere 40 years pass over our heads we may be only too glad if we are here to "go and do likewise." Who can forget the splendid specimens of manhood in the Ermatingers, the Lamontagnes, Lamothes, and others of that time, who have passed away or ceased to take interest in the Club, or later on, Nicholas Hughes

Burroughs, Fred. Matthews, Harris, Col. Duchesnay, C. J. Coursol, (late Judge of Quarter Sessions, now M.P., for Montreal East, etc.,) R. H. Stephens, Frank Brown, Geo. E. Colthurst, who now resides (or till recently did) on an Estate in Ireland, and no doubt remembers with pleasure his tramps on snow shoes o'er Canadian snows: also E. Goff Penny, senior editor of the "Herald" and one of Canada's Senators—with others, whose names have escaped memory.

These were the men who formed our club and when we think of them now, how we regret the absence of the official minutes to tell us of their jolly gatherings around the festive board, when the more substantial viands being cleared away, the steaming "bowl of punch" lent its aid to loosen the tongues of those genial and witty companions.

Great interest is always excited by tales of the doings of those veterans, and there is no lack of attention when any old member "crops up" at one of the weekly tramps, and delights us by reminiscences of the early days of the Club. And our stalwart Honorary President, always succeeds in rivetting attention, as he recounts in troubadour style the deeds of those honoured in the past; "when Frank Dowd accomplished three long miles over hill and through forest in 25 minutes," in the famous St. Hyacinthe scurry—closely followed

by Hughes and Rintoul, while Romeo Stephens in guileless innocence, found himself and a host of others after half an hour's hard running farther from the winning post than when they started. Later still of the trip to St. Vincent de Paul with such hair-breadth escapes and adventures as were surely never matched by any other expedition. Parys has reduced this to verse, (which will be given further on)—and night after night the Club Room echoes with the chorus that tells us how they "walked and walked," and how Rambeau gave out and laid himself down

"Alongside a fence to die"

how Charlie Meyer

"left a bloody track o'er twenty miles of snow"

until they reached a

"Stovepipe village, but not"
"St. Vincent de Paul"

and when they had ordered dinner,

"Up sprang Rambeau the liveliest of them all."

Then of the expedition to St. Johns, when five men raced fourteen miles, arriving in the following order: Fred. Castles, C. P. Davidson, Stewart, Hughes and Radiger. Not being satisfied with the result of the "run" to St. Johns, the men made up a race home, which Fred. Castles gamely won, running from City Hall to City Hall in four hours, the second man arriving on St. Lambert bank of the River as "Fred" struggled up the Montreal side.

Of other tramps particularly one to Lachine rendered immortal by himself in verse, when two officers of the 47th Regiment, Lieut's DeBalinhard and Prevost, thought to lead the club there in a race and after a hard run over hill, through wood and valley found themselves far in the rear as the welcome portals of Laflamme's Hotel, closed behind the leading men of the "Montreal," John and H. E. Murray, Hughes and Radiger.

All of these tales remain fresh in the memory of "Evergreen" Hughes, and long may he be spared to lead us as of yore and to sing those songs, which fire the blood of our youth and nerve them to deeds of a like nature.

Snow-Shoeing has taken a firm hold upon the youth of Montreal, and we are proud to say that the "Montreal" Club has always taken the leading part, and throughout an uninterrupted period of over forty years has held its own against all comers; since the days of the defeat of the champion Indian runner on the St. Pierre and Mile end Race Courses by John Murray, until late years, the Club has always had some one to the fore to wrest the palm of victory from the Redskins in distances of from 100 yards to two miles, but in these later years the Indian Race was nobly represented by the "wonder" Keroniare, whose unparalleled performances on the racing track, were the wonder of all who witnessed

them, and who, until recently stiffened by "old time," stood the undisputed Champion, at distances varying from one to four miles. Perhaps in the future our turn may come, as the Indian Race, is not likely to produce another such as he, although his successor John Lefevbre is no mean antagonist.

As far back as 1840, the "Montreal" as already stated, goes for the date of its birth, although at that early period, it was not generally known by the name it now bears and was governed by no regularly organized club rules. Not until three years later was any attempt made at organization, yet the few who then gathered themselves together on Saturday afternoons for a "constitutional" tramp into the wilds of the country returning to relate their experience round the festive board, little fancied they were laying the foundation of an organization, which was to grow from twelve members into one whose roll runs into hundreds.

In the year 1843, the membership showing signs of an increase, an attempt was made to formally organize,and Col. Ermatinger was elected President No Constitution or By-Laws fettered the action of the Club, its rules were drawn from the unwritten traditions of this "Band of Brothers;" memory stood in the place of minutes, while loyalty to the "common law" of Snow Shoers made a formal code unnecessary.

In this year the "sporting" character of the organization fully developed itself and a man was found who was willing to try conclusions with the Redskins, in a long race on Snow Shoes. A Race of four miles was arranged and on the St. Pierre Race Course the issue was decided. The superiority of the "Unknown" soon manifested itself and the prophets for once had consulted their lucky star. Deroche, a Nor'West Voyageur proved himself equal to the occasion and won the race cleverly, aided by an artifice which reflected credit upon his ingenuity. The weather a few days previous to the match had been very mild, with rain, and the day before the Race, the track lay half under water, during the night it became colder leaving (on day of race) the greater part of the track, clear bright ice. This rather non-plussed the Aborigines, but served to develope the more civilized state of being in Deroche, who ingeniously contrived to fix spikes into the wood-work of his Shoes which enabled him to obtain a firm hold on the ice whilst his more *uncivilized* rivals were able to make but little headway—stay, it won't do to use *that* word so recklessly to all of the competitors, for the second man in and a good second he was considering the advantages possessed by his conquerer, was our Honorary President, then in all his youth and beauty. Five Indians followed after "Evergreen" Hughes,

rather disgusted no doubt with the advance civilization had made in the half breed Deroche. Among the competitors, was the now great pilot chief Baptiste, and very few who know him, would fancy that he had ever aspired to the honors of the racing track; such was the case however and our friend Baptiste stood among the defeated ones.

In the steeple chase of one mile over four 4 feet hurdles which followed, only two competed and Edward Lamontagne won a hard fought battle from his game young opponent Frank Brown, whose frame lacked the magnificent strength and endurance which belonged to the winner.

Thus were the first races on shoes won in Canada under our auspices. We have no records of any other and may take the credit to ourselves of instituting the national sport of snow-shoeing.

These Races closed the season and the club finished up the day's sport with a jolly good dinner. We have to draw upon the imagination for the toasts and witty speeches which must have flashed across the board from a congregation of such wit and talent.

During the season of 1844, the "club" took the usual weekly tramp on Saturday afternoons, having no set route merely tramping along after their leader till some one not quite so robust as the rest, would cry, "hold" and the "route" home was taken up.

It was during this season that the Indians introduced the "Racing Snow Shoe," weighing about one and a half pounds, and for one or two reasons would not sell them to the "pale faces."

In the races of February, 1844, Narcisse the great Indian runner wore the light shoes in the four mile contest. As the races took place upon the St. Pierre race course there was no regular track. Seven Indians and three white men started; two Indians immediately struck out for the lead, Narcisse third and the white men close behind. The leading Indians wore the old shoe and falling out at the end of the first mile, proved to the satisfaction of onlookers, that they only entered to beat a track for the champion Narcisse, who won a good race, Nicholas Hughes, second, an Indian third, C. Duchesnay, fourth, A. Lamontagne, the other white gave up during the race.

Hurdle race of half a mile over six, three feet hurdles followed, and E. Lamontagne the winner of last year's race, again proved himself an adept in clearing timber, Frank Brown having to content himself with second honours.

In the half mile dash, Frank Brown had his revenge, and in first class style ran away from five Indians, including Narcisse the winner of the four miles and the great chief Baptiste, who once more tried his luck with no better success than in the previous season.

The usual annual dinner closed the racing season.

SEASON 1845.

In this year the tramps, as usual occupied the foremost place, but some little attention was paid to training for the races. After holding a meeting on the subject it was decided to have public races and these took place upon the St. Pierre race track on the 10th February.

We take the following account of these Races from one of the daily papers of that date :—"The brilliant sun and fine bracing weather tempted hundreds of visitors from Montreal, and numbers of ladies graced the sports by their presence."

"The First Race was a sweepstake on snow shoes, four miles, entrance five shillings, to which was added a handsome silver cup. For this, seven competitors appeared, and it was won in 38 min. by Deroche, W. H. Boyd, coming in second."

"The Second Race, sweepstake one mile, with six hurdles to leap, entrance five shillings, to which was added a silver cup, only two contested and it was won by E. Lamontagne, with Abbott, second.

"After this, a purse was made up for boys under sixteen years. It was exceedingly well contested by twelve juveniles, and was cleverly won by Rogers, pressed by Napier. The time was very good, considering that the winner was only fourteen years of age."

During the latter part of the season, a club race of one mile took place, when Hughes, Duchesnay, Lamontagne, Colthurst and two others took part, after a close and exciting struggle, it was won by George Colthurst. The winner was very fast, and in many of the races into town, on the return from tramps, generally managed to be among the first.

The prizes for these tramp races did not shew themselves in gorgeous gold and silver cups, or medals, but were simply a "free pass" to the dinner and thought as much of among those genuine "Knights of the shoe" as the runners of later days do of the cups and medals that are won very often in a "walk over."

A second day's Races were advertized for 17th of February, 1845, but on account of bad weather, interfering with travel and non-arrival of Indian competitors, they were postponed till the 20th of the same month.

On the 24th of the same month, a third day's Races were advertized to come off, when the following gentlemen were to officiate as stewards :—

Alex. Fisher, H. B. Co'y.
P. W. Dease, H. B. Co'y.

Want of definite information prevents the publication of particulars of these races, but as the

competition lay principally between the Indian runners, their want will not excite much regret.

SEASON 1846.

In 1846, the tramps again held a prominent place, and only one race of any importance took place. After a long tramp about the country one afternoon, the "club" found itself out at the Tanneries near Cote St. Paul, when the "halt" was sounded. On the "start" for home a race ensued, when Colthurst and Harris ran so close for leading honors that both were entitled to "passes" for the dinner.

SEASON 1847.

In 1847 nothing of much interest happened and as in the previous year only one race is remembered, which took place in February, and was across the country from Cote des Neiges, to St. Laurent Church, a distance of about 3 miles. It was a trial of muscle, the numerous fences and ditches to be crossed, taxing the staying powers of the competitors to their fullest extent. There were five entries, N. H. Hughes, Chas. Duchesnay, A. and E. Lamontagne and Chas. Burroughs, after a very sharp contest Hughes managed to reach the church first and this time got the "free pass."

SEASON 1848.

In 1848 no races took place, and in their stead the club tramped out to St. Vincent de Paul once

or twice, and to the other outlying villages, as well as to Duchesnay's farm.

SEASON 1849.

In 1849—Tramps were again the order of the day. One race took place after a tramp to Bougie's corners on the "Back River Road." After supper the "start" for home was made, all joining in the race. George Colthurst again shewed up in front and as usual dined "free" at the Club dinner.

ANNUAL RACES, SEASON 1850.

On Tuesday afternoon, February 5th, 1850, the Annual Races came off on the St. Pierre Race Course. In spite of the very severe cold a great number drove out to witness the sports. The Ladies also patronized them largely and so much was their presence appreciated, that the competitors strained their muscles to the utmost, if not all to be victorious, at least to merit their approbation.

The track was in good order, though a little heavy on the home stretch.

For the first Race, three miles, eight competitors appeared, Thomas went off with the lead, and maintained it for the first mile in 8 m. 5 sec. On the second mile Lazarre took up the running and soon went past Thomas, he passed the Judge's stand in 7 m. 52 sec. closely followed by Twennitasen and Thomas. On the third mile the pace became tremendous and Lazarre had soon to give place to Twennitasen, who ran in a winner in 6 m. 57 sec. time for three miles, 22 m. 54 sec.

The second Race was for a silver medal, compe-

ted for by five squaws. The novelty of the Race created much sport, and the winner, the prettiest of course, could have had her choice in the crowd of a husband.

The third Race, quarter of a mile, for a silver cup was contested by seven competitors, four Indians and three whites. This was the race of the day. Baptiste the Indian Chief, took the lead and maintained it for 200 yards closely followed by Lamontagne : the Race seemed to be between the two, until Mr. F. Brown made a sudden rush, passed them both and ran in winner in 1 m. 32 sec. Lamontagne second, Baptiste third.

The open mile was for a purse of $12, to first man, and $2 to second. Seven competed and Lazarre who "made" the pace from the start won in 6 m. 10 sec.

SEASON 1850-1851.

During this season the club was formally re-organized, and at a meeting of the members, held at Dolly's, on Wednesday evening, Dec., 11th, 1850, the following officers were elected for the year :—

COL. ERMATINGER,—*President.*
GEORGE COLTHURST—*Vice-President.*
ALEXANDER HART,—*Sec-Treasurer.*

It was agreed to meet during the winter for exercise, on Sherbrooke Street, opposite McGill College, on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons, at half-past two ; and in the course of the season to offer prizes for different feats on snow shoes, such as walking, running, leaping, &c., &c.

"The annual snow shoe races so deservedly popular with our community, came off on Tuesday last, and were honored with a large and more respectable audience, particularly of ladies, than we have seen on the St. Pierre course for years past. who by their countenance have confirmed the opinion of those who have endeavoured to introduce and promote these manly sports, that these meetings only require to be put on a proper footing to be well supported. We give below the names of the competitors for the various races and also the time which by those who understand the "pace" on shoes, will be appreciated.

For the 6 mile Race, open to all, 1st prize, $30, second prize, $5. 8 competitors came to the post, 6 Indians from Caughnawaga and 2 members of the club.

Much excitement prevailed and some hopes "were entertained" that the Indians might be beaten, but after the first mile both the amateurs gave up,and the interest from that moment was much diminished until three Indians of renown singled themselves out and ran close on one another the last three miles. Coming in to the last quarter or home-run, the competitors strained every muscle and until they came to the winning stand, no one could name the winner. "Ignace" however, from his superior speed managed to land himself about

12 inches ahead of Narcisse, Thomas coming in a good third, only a few yards in the rear. Time, 47 m. 23 sec.

For the 200 yards hurdle race, over four hurdles (3 feet 6 inches high), which, with the six miles, was looked upon as the race of the day, six competitors shewed up and all went off well at the start, but each succeeding hurdle told heavily on the "crowd." All the hurdles were however beautifully taken in true sporting style by Mr. Lamontagne and Mr. Handyside, until the last one, when the latter gent, making a slight *faux pas*, Mr. Lamontagne ran in an easy winner of a cup, valued at $20, and the race, time, 38 sec.

For the one mile race, open to all, first prize, $15, second prize, $3. Four Indians started. "Thomas" led from the start and was never once headed, time, 7 m. 40 sec. "Joseph" second.

Half mile race to club members only, (prize $20). Five gents started, all well together, Francis Brown soon took the lead, and kept increasing his distance gradually, to the winning post.

The next race, 250 yards, was for boys under 15 years of age, prize, a pair of snow shoes. 8 started, Master Wm. Brown, brother of the above named gent, won by a few yards.

Altogether, notwithstanding the disappointment, the Stewards experienced at receiving no assistance

whatever, from the officers of the Garrison who have hitherto been always liberal in promoting these national sports, these races not only surpassed all former meetings, but were really creditable to our city."

SEASON 1851 - 1852.

In 1851.—The now veteran Hughes, having returned to the bosom of his first love, snow-shoeing matters again took a leading place in his affections, and among the tramps he and his "hardy band" undertook across the snow, were ;—one to Lachine and others over the back country.

In February there was a race to St. Vincent de Paul, starting from the head of St. Denis Street. In this contest Hughes was badly beaten, his residence in Kingston during the year before telling fearfully on his wind. It was won by Charles Duchesnay, Colthurst second, Harris third.

In these races across the country, the Club dinner was ordered at the stopping place, when the night was spent as was their wont, in wine and song, the revelers leaving for home the next day.

On Wednesday evening January 7th, 1852, a meeting was called to elect office-bearers. It was held at Dolly's when the following gentlemen were elected:

COL, ERMATINGER.—*President.*
GEORGE COLTHURST.—*Vice-President.*
C. S. BURROUGHS—*Secretary.*

It was decided to hold the regular tramps, on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, starting from McGill College grounds at half-past two o'clock. The tramps commenced on the Saturday afternoon following and continued steadily through the winter.

This year Hughes being in better condition and burning to wipe out his defeat of last season, proposed a tramp out to St. Vincent de Paul and a race home. Accordingly one bright Saturday afternoon a large number of the club assembled at the "*Rendezvous*" and after a jolly tramp, found waiting quite a lot of fellows who had driven out to enjoy the sport. After supper, the runners prepared themselves for their long "run" and as is usual on such occasions, some banter took place between the runners and their friends, as to the likely position of each in the race, some proposed to "chalk" numbers on the shoes, this seemed to please those interested; and Colthurst cooly taking the pencil chalked No. 1 on his shoe. This rather damped the ardor of the others who declined to show such confidence, although they promised to add an O to it before reaching town, but opportunity was denied them as Colthurst, running to the front at once was never headed, Hughes and Harris arriving second and third quite a distance behind.

The Annual Races took place upon the St. Pierre Race Course on February 18th, 1852, and in

spite of the very severe weather, a large number was present to witness the competition.

The four mile Indian Race brought out a field of six; five Indians and a member of the club, Edward Hughes. After a close competition Narcisse won in 32 m. 15 seconds. Thomas, 2nd. Francois, third, Hughes fourth.

The Hurdle Race, 250 yards, followed, bringing to the "scratch" three competitors, two Indians and a member of the club. One of the Indians came in first, closely followed by the white, (no name given) but as both tumbled over most of the hurdles instead of jumping them, the Race had to be run over, when the same tumbling ensuing the race was given to the Indian.

The one mile race, was won by an Indian named Lazarre in 7 m. 30 sec. Narcisse second.

Race for Boys under 10, ½ mile, was won by Master Murray closely pushed by Master Rogers.

SEASON 1852-1853.

This season the Club tramped about as usual although there is no record of any one in particular.

In March, a race took place, starting from the Mile End round the Mountain. The competitors ran by way of the Road, without shoes, finishing at their Quarters in St. Joseph Street, which establishment was presided over by Mrs. May. It was won by Harris, with Colthurst second.

On Thursday afternoon February 17th, 1853, the annual races were advertised to take place but owing to wet weather were postponed until the 21st, when they came off over the St. Pierre race course.*

SEASON 1853-1854.

In 1853.—The tramps took place weekly, one in particular being to Lachine. when after supper a race took place, which N. H. Hughes (who was well acquainted with the Road,) won easily.

On Wednesday afternoon March 1st, 1854, the annual races took place upon the St. Pierre race course, the weather was mild, the snow heavy and very deep, consequently the "time" was slow.

Five Indians started for the three mile race which was won in 30 m. 33 s. by Thomas; Ignace, second; Francois, third; Narcisse, fourth.

One mile Race was won in 8 m. 30 s. by Lazarre; Francois, second.

The 200 yards hurdle race over 4 hurdles, finished the day's sport. For this six competed, five whites and one red, the "red" was the victor, he took his leaps like a real red deer, winning by a shave, the winner's name was Pierre Iniwarewas.

George Colthurst was Secretary this season.

SEASON 1855-1856.

In 1855.—The Club tramped to Bout de l'Isle. A

* Owing to lack of Records, no particulars can be published.

large addition was made to the number of members and prospects seemed bright for the liveliest season of the Club's existence. Great interest was manifested in the tramps and it was decided to hold public Races when the Indians were to be tempted to compete with some of our runners.

On Friday, the 29th February, 1856, the Annual Races took place upon the Priests' farm, off Sherbrooke st., when a large crowd collected, drawn by curiosity to see the novel sport of snow-shoe racing, within the city limits, intensified by their anxiety to witness the trial of skill, between the originators of the 'encumbrance" and the white man.

The first Race was four miles for a purse of $20.00. John Murray, Ignace and Thomas were the only entries. The first mile was run at a rattling pace (6½ minutes,) indeed the gait was remarkably fast all through, the second mile being run in 7½ minutes, the third in 7½ min., the fourth and last in 8 minutes, making a total of 29½ minutes The Indians were in splendid trim and worked like machinery, they kept up a lively conversation as they cantered away in company from their white rival and won as they pleased, Ignace being first, Murray came third, in 31 minutes. The winner Ignace had a training which few of the whites were ever likely to get, he was one of those selected by Sir George Simpson, on account of his

great muscular power and strength of endurance, to accompany the last Expedition in search of the remains of Sir John Franklin and his crew, consequently he was so well accustomed to walk and run on Snow Shoes, that the four mile run was in this instance but mere pastime.

The next was the one mile race for purse of $8.00 between W. S. Noad, W. Brown, T. Desrivieres and Pierre, an Indian. The track was very narrow and during the dash for the lead, a series of falls took place, in crossing a stone fence, Pierre jostled Noad who fell, in getting up he jostled Desrivieres who caromed on Brown causing him to fall, Noad protested but the Stewards gave the race to Brown who won in 7½ minutes.

200 yds. over 4 hurdles 3 feet high for purse of $8.00 followed, when John Murray won, beating W. Brown, B. Prior and Pierre.

Two mile race for $14.00 followed, when W. S. Noad, Ictactha and Moïse competed, it was a hotly contested race the first mile being run in 6¾ m. (but time is omitted for race,) Ictactha winning.

This closed the day's races.

The following is clipped from the Records giving a full account of the President's dinner.

"On the evening of January 19th 1856, the club met (30 present) upon Sherbrooke Street and after buckling on shoes and falling in "Indian file" pro-

ceeded to the Mount Pleasant Hotel to dine. Having scaled the mountain in gallant style, their appetite for the ample and substantial fare provided by mine host M. Oliva may be easily imagined. This club now numbers upwards of 50 members, some of whom as pedestrians cannot be beaten on the Continent of America. We are glad to see them again mustering as of yore in pursuit of that manly and invigorating exercise, the benefit of which cannot be too strongly urged.

The President, Col. Ermatinger being absent, the Chair was ably filled by the worthy Vice-President N. H. Hughes, supported on his right by R. H. Stephens, the other end of the table being represented by Messrs. Arthur Lamothe and F. Noad.

After the cloth was removed the Chairman gave the first toast."

"The Queen and Emperor of the French."

Song by Mr. Handyside....."Rule Britannia."
Song by W. Lamothe....."Partant pour la Syrie."

W. S. Noad, Sec-Treasurer proposed,

"*The Allies.*"

Song by W. Lamothe....."The Marseillaise."

J. Noad, proposed the

"*Army and Navy.*"

Song by E. Roy....."Sur l'Ocean."

R. H. Stephens, proposed

"*President and Officers of Club.*"

Song by Geo. Macauley....."Cheer, Boys Cheer."

Dr. Boyer proposed

"*The land we live in.*"

Song by John Murray....."The land we live in."

F. Noad proposed

"*N. H. Hughes.*"

Song by John Murray....."Rise ye Sons of Canada."

Capt. Ermatinger proposed

"*Commerce.*"

Responded to by Romeo H. Stephens and F. Noad

A Lamothe proposed

"*Our Old Confreres,*"—*Messrs Colthurst, E. Lamontagne and Harris.*

Song by W. Lamothe....."A la Claire Fontaine."

N. H. Hughes proposed

"*The fastest man on Snow Shoes for one mile—Frank Brown*"

Song by A Lamothe.."A St. Malo, beau port de mer."

F. Noad proposed

"*The last man that arrived at the Rendezvous.*"

Mr. Manning proposed

"*The Ladies.*"

Song by W. Noad...."I'm sitting on the stile, Mary."

E. Roy proposed

"Captain Ermatinger."

Geo. Macaulay proposed

"Our Host."

Song by Lamothe....."Vive la Canadienne."

After the last toast the Club again resumed their Snow Shoes and turned their steps homeward across the Mountain.

Another day's racing was promised this season and the races came off on March 14th. when over 4 hurdles in 200 yards, W. Brown defeated J. Perkins and T. R. Whitehead.

100 yards dash was also won by Brown defeating Whitehead.

The ½ mile was won by J. Murray who ran against time, (none other coming forward) he won in 2 m. 36 sec.

The one mile was won by W. Brown in 6 m. 40 s. defeating Noad who was 2 yards behind.

The boys ½ mile followed which was won by Whitehead defeating H. E. Murray and A. Brown.

During the season a private race of one mile took place between Noad and W. Brown, Noad winning easily in 6 m. 30 sec.

The season wound up with the annual dinner which took place at Dolly's, when J. Murray was

presented with a Gold Medal and Wm. Brown with a Silver Cup.

SEASON 1856–1857.

ROMÈO H. STEPHENS.—*President.*
NICHOLAS H. HUGHES.—*1st. Vice-President.*
J. E. MALHIOT.—*2nd. Vice-President.*
G. H. MACAULEY.—*Treasurer.*
JOHN MURRAY.—*Secretary.*

This season the club numbered 71 members, a large addition of new members promising a lively competition at the Annual Races.

The usual tramps took place when the club met at the *Rendezvous* and a leader appointed (generally the senior officer present), whose authority was absolute as to route etc., none daring to "head" him and "follow the leader" was a law adhered to with a zeal "worthy of *no* better cause." The favorite tramps were across the mountain, over the fields in rear, across the country to the Tanneries, back and through Cote St. Antoine to Moore's, where the hungry travellers found the heartiest of welcomes and a good supper always awaiting them.

The Annual Races to have taken place upon the Mile end Race Course, were on account of bad weather, postponed until March 12th, when they were held in the fields opposite the Priests' farm, off Sherbrooke Street.

Honorary Stewards.—His Worship the Mayor,

Henry Starnes Esq., Lieut. General Sir Wm. Eyre K. C. B. Stewards.— Col. P. Duchesnay A, D. C. Major Robinson A. D. C. Messrs C. J. Coursol J. M. Young, F. L. B. Noad, Arthur Lamothe.

The four mile Indian race opened the sports, a purse of $100 was offered, with the promise that there should be a competition between two or more nations; 1st prize, $85, 2nd prize, $10, 3rd prize, $5. Four Indians started including Thomas and Ignace (winner of last year); after a close competition, Thomas landed himself winner, Ignace second, Moëse third.

Hurdle race 200 yds. over 4 hurdles 3½ feet high, ($8,) was won by John Murray, defeating T. R. Whitehead and W. H. Rintoul.

Half mile race ($5,) for boys of 14 years and under, brought out a field of two, it was won by Henry E. Murray, younger brother of John Murray, who thus early developed qualities which in later years rendered him invincible over timber and on the flat in the sprint races.

The one mile walk ($12,) was won by N. H. Hughes defeating S. Macauley and H. Lamontagne.

100 yds. dash ($10,) was won by John Murray defeating W. Brown, J. Brown, G. Macauley, Frank Dowd, T. R. and W. Whitehead and 5 Indians.

One mile race ($15,) was won by John Murray who

notwithstanding his previous efforts, defeated Thomas, champion of 4 miles and 3 other Indians.

The club cup race, 2 miles, finished the day's sports, W. Brown, Frank Dowd, W. H. Rintoul and J. J. Brown entered. It was won after a hard struggle by Frank Dowd.

Season closed with the dinner at Dolly's.

SEASON 1857—1858.

On December 18th 1857, the annual meeting took place when the following officers were elected

NICHOLAS H. HUGHES,		*President.*
J. E. MALHIOT,	*1st. Vice*	*do*
JNO. MURRAY,	*2nd. Vice*	*do*

It was moved by Geo. Macauley seconded by James Day, "that to facilitate business etc., the offices of Secretary and Treasurer be combined."—carried.

W. HERBERT RINTOUL,	*Secretary-Treasurer.*
ROMEO H. STEPHENS,	*Committee.*
ARTHUR LAMOTHE,	
JAMES G. DAY.	

The club numbered 65 members.

The first tramp took place on December 26th, when 20 members, strapped on their shoes and crossed the Mountain to Cote des Neiges, returning by way of Murray's farm, Cote St. Antoine.

On December 30th, during a heavy snow storm 17 members started from the *rendezvous* for Moore's. The night was very dark and the falling snow did

not improve matters; between the two the "noble seventeen," after tramping about for an hour, were surprised to find themselves out at Cote St. Antoine, instead of on the right track over the Mountain; they finally struck the Cote des Neiges road, which they decided to keep and reached the club house in safety. On the return they managed to get astray again, and after wandering about Mount Royal for half the night—like disaffected spirits—struck the track and reached town at "cock crow." To prevent an occurrence of the kind in future, a bugler was appointed to call the scattered legions to a common centre for mutual protection and advice.

On Thursday, January 7th, 1858, the President entertained the members to the number of 27 to a dinner at Moore's.

On Saturday afternoon, 23rd January the members mustering 27 strong, took a long walk round the mountain and through the fields towards St. Laurent and finally landed at Moore's. Here they met the "Aurora," a rival club, which was organized this season and as it numbered among its members some of the finest runners in the country, the "Montreal" had all they could do to maintain their time won laurels. After supper the "rivals" left the Hotel about the same time, when a lively contest ensued for "first man" into town. The records give no names and we can only flatter our-

selves that with the runners we possessed, the "old club" shewed up first at the "College gate."

On Saturday afternoon February 6, 1858, the 5 mile walk for the Champion Medal, to be won two years in succession before becoming property of winner, took place upon Ouimet's Course, Mile end. Five entered, Messrs. N. H. Hughes, W. H. Rintoul, S. Macauley, H. Lamontagne, F. Dowd.

The Race was very close and exciting and ended in a dead heat, between Messrs. Hughes and Rintoul, time, one hour. The Judges, Messrs. R. H. Stephens and J. G. Day, declared that the question of superiority would have to be decided by another heat of one mile, which resulted in a victory for Hughes, by about 2 yards.

The Annual Races took place on the 23rd of February 1858 on the Mile End Race Course. The day was raw and chilly, notwithstanding which the ladies as well as the gentlemen mustered in force. Gen. Sir Wm. Eyre and his Aides-de-Camp, with C. J. Coursol Esq., acted as Stewards.

The first race of four miles ($40, divided into 4 purses) brought nine Indians to the tape, the race was well contested and not until within ½ a mile of the stand did the winner change his position of third in the race, which he finally won after a trying struggle by 10 yards, in 31 m. 22 sec

The winner Atsiakatie was a splendid specimen of the Indian, being large and powerfully built.

A hurdle race over four—3 feet hurdles, followed, ($20) six whites and three Indians entered, and was won by W. Brown, John Murray (having been tripped), coming in second.

Boy's Race open to all under 14 ($5.00) followed when E. A. Whitehead proved himself the "coming" boy, as in after years he ranked among our foremost runners.

One mile race, ($10) open to all, followed. This was the race of the day, as John Murray the winner of last season's "mile" had entered to try conclusions with the champion red skin. The race proved all that was expected although the Indian Atsiakatie proved too fast for Murray and won in 6 m. 13 s.

The 100 yds. dash ($10) was won by T. R. Whitehead in 14 seconds, defeating six others, Stafford, W. Whitehead, W. Brown, R. Beaufield, Tom Coffin and an Indian, who ran second.

The Club race of two miles followed, A. Barnston, Tom Coffin, W. H. Rintoul, and W. Brown competing. It was won by Coffin after an exciting struggle with Barnston.

The last race was across country, two miles, four or five Indians competing, was won by Moïse.

Season closed with dinner at Dolly's.

The following original production by E. L. C. was sung at the dinner.

AIR.—"*Canadian Boat Song.*"

Merry and loud the wild winds blow,
Driving and drifting the white, sparkling snow,
Fast make the thongs, tighten the *neap*,
And join the gay chase with a bounding leap.

Chorus.—Cheerily, boys! b.east the white drift,
Hurrah for the snow shoe, steady and swift.

Why should we yet our sport forego?
Still beams in the West, the day's parting glow,
And rising slow o'er fair Belœil,
To light our way—see the young moon's smile.

Chorus.—Cheerily, boys! in joyous haste,
Leave our snow shoe track on the pathless waste.

No rest be ours, this glorious night,
Till we circle Mount Royal's queenly height.
Saint of the Frost King, hear our prayers,
Grant us bright heavens and bracing airs.

Chorus.—Cheerily, boys! e'er the morning shine,
We'll laugh round the board, crown'd with mirth and wine.

SEASON 1858-1859.

The Annual Meeting took place at Dolly's on 2nd December when the following gentlemen were elected officers for the season.

N. H. HUGHES.—*President.*
JOHN MURRAY.—*1st Vice-President.*
W. H. RINTOUL.—*2nd Vice-President.*
GEORGE PARYS.—*Sec-Treasurer.*

The following original production by E. L. C. was sung at the dinner.

AIR.—"*Canadian Boat Song.*"

Merry and loud the wild winds blow,
Driving and drifting the white, sparkling snow,
Fast make the thongs, tighten the *neap*,
And join the gay chase with a bounding leap.

Chorus,—Cheerily, boys! breast the white drift,
Hurrah for the snow shoe, steady and swift.

Why should we yet our sport forego?
Still beams in the West, the day's parting glow,
And rising slow o'er fair Belœil,
To light our way—see the young moon's smile.

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THE "AURORA" SNOW SHOE CLUB..

This club was organized during the season and proved to be a strong rival. Its first Annual Races were held on the Mile End Course on March 6th. 1858.

The weather was delightful and as a consequence

the attendance of spectators was large. The track, owing to a heavy fall of snow was slow.

The sports opened with the four mile walk, which brought to the "tape," Messrs. Fred. Castle, (M) H. Hardisty, (M) R. M. Barnard, (M) J. J. Barnard and A. McPherson. During the first three miles the competitors kept close together, but on the last mile Castle drew away from the "crowd" and won in 48 m. 20 sec.

120 yds. hurdle race was won by R. Gray.

200 yds. Dash was won by J. Pope, in 32 sec. R. Gray second, and F. W. Campbell, third.

Four miles, won by Fred. Castle who defeated his only rival J. H. Smith (M.) in 39 m. 30 sec.

Two miles, for club medal—Messrs. J. Pope, J. Hardisty, R. Gray, F. Castle, J. H. Smith and J. P. Waites, entered. It was won by J. Pope in 17 m. 45 sec.

One mile was won by J. Brown, in 8 m. defeating F. W. Campbell, Thos. Alexander, H. Hardisty and H. A. Lemieux.

The account of these Races is introduced for the purpose of giving our readers an idea of the runners of the day, as well as to shew that they were not confined to our club. Many of the members of the "Aurora" had been "Montreal" men, but owing to some little differences which will exist in the best

regulated Societies, they determined to form a new club and broke off from the parent stem.

Their first Annual Races were supposed to be closed to members, altho' some of the competitors were members of the "Montreal" as well as of the "Aurora."

SEASON 1858-1859.

The Annual Meeting took place at Dolly's on 2nd December when the following gentlemen were elected officers for the season.

N. H. HUGHES.—*President.*
JOHN MURRAY.—*1st Vice-President.*
W. H. RINTOUL.—*2nd Vice-President.*
GEORGE PARYS.—*Sec-Treasurer.*

TRAMPS.

The first walk of the season took place on 22nd December, fine weather, but snow scarcely deep enough, 22 members present, "went across the mountain and stopped at Moore's, drank our beer and sang songs in the old style, and then returned home by the same route," is the brief chronicle upon the records, of the first tramp of the season.

On the 29th, the Club went to Moore's but finding the Club Room filled by a strange party, enjoying the "giddy mazes of the dance," they retired disgusted to Compain's, a Hotel near by and so enjoyed themselves, that they resolved to "cut" Moore in the future. 24 members present.

On Saturday afternoon, 8th January 1859, 26 members started for *the* tramp of the season, they went across the mountain by way of the old Race Course, through Cemetery to Compain's, there met with the University Club, invited them to supper, and the whole company (40) sitting down, had a glorious time with songs and speeches.

THE PRESIDENT'S DINNER.

The President's dinner was another feature of the year's performance and took place at Moore's on 15th January, '59, about 50 were present, who must have created sad havoc among Moore's poultry, with appetites sharpened by a twelve mile tramp. It was a very jolly affair if we may judge by a notice at the time. "The usual toasts of the Queen, Governor General, Sir Wm. Eyre etc., having been drank with all the honors, songs, speeches, jokes, etc., were kept up during the evening in a manner never before witnessed by the "oldest inhabitant" and the echo of the shouts and laughter that rang thro' the tree tops of old Mount Royal must have astonished "McTavish's Ghost." After drinking the health of the jolly host and the "Princess," the company returned to town about eleven o'clock, highly delighted with the evening's entertainment.

THE FIVE MILE WALK.

On Wednesday the 9th of February 1859, the champion five mile walk took place on the Mile end course. There were three entries.

N. H. Hughes won in one hour, Andrew McCulloch

second, W. H. Rintoul retired, he having lost a shoe, being out of the race almost from the start. The time considering the heavy state of the track was good. Mr. McCulloch who never before attempted a walking race showed great spirit in the manner he kept up the pace through the deep snow against such a veteran as Mr. Hughes.

GENERAL EYRE'S "CUP" RACE.

On Saturday afternoon, the 19th February 1859, the five mile race, for the silver cup presented by Gen. Sir Wm. Eyre, took place on the Mile End Race Course.

Great interest was manifested in the event and a large crowd was present to witness the struggle. The grand stand was occupied by a large number of ladies, who by their presence lent additional stimulus to the efforts of the competitors.

The Judges' stand was occupied by Gen. Sir Wm. Eyre, Lady Eyre and Staff, Col. Thackwell, Major Whitmore, and other notables.

Twelve gentlemen "toed" the "scratch," viz., N. H. Hughes, J. McCulloch, Tom Coffin, D. Dougall, Wm. Stanley, J. Mack, Frank Dowd, McCord, W. Macfarlane, Hartland Macdougall, John Murray, H. Hardisty.

From the start Wm. Stanley took the lead and maintained it throughout, winning by about 200

yards in 43 m. 28 sec. Hartland Macdougall second in 44 m. 58 sec.

The cup was presented to Mr. Stanley, by Lady Eyre.

Macdougall's performance rather astonished the on lookers and his success in defeating such men as Hughes, Coffin, Murray, and Dowd elevated him at once in the estimation of the club-men, and he became a hot favorite for the "club" cup. He was a remarkably graceful runner, perhaps the prettiest that ever upheld the honor of the club.

ANNUAL RACES.

The Annual Races took place on the Mile End Course on Thursday the 24th February.

HONORARY STEWARD.

LIEUT. GENERAL SIR WM. EYRE, K.C.B.

STEWARDS.

COLONEL TAYLOR.	COL. ERMATINGER.
C. J. COURSOL.	CHARLES ROY.

The sports commenced with the Indian four mile race for a purse of $30. Eight Indians and one white named Arcouet, entered. It was a good race, the finish being a very close one. The winner's name was Terosoianta, time 29m. 36sec.

For the 120 yards Race over four 3 feet Hurdles one heat, open to all, prize, a belt, five men appeared. It was a beautiful race, the timbers being clearly

jumped. It was won by W. M. Wright, defeating T. R. Whitehead, H. E. Murray, Brown, and A. A. McCulloch.

The Boys under fourteen then laid claim to their share of the day's proceedings, which was a half mile scamper for a pair of snow shoes. About 25 youths scampered off at the word "go" and gamely was the race contested by the three leaders, "Bobbie" Whitehead, winner of last year's race managed to land himself first in 4m. 26 sec. with Frank Johnson and R. Cowan, a dead heat, close behind,

The One mile race, open to all, excited a great deal of interest from the fact that three whites, Messrs. Tom Coffin, Jenkins and Cameron, were going to compete with five Indians.

The start was effected in fine style, Coffin went immediately to the front but was passed at the quarter post by a "redskin." The day seemed lost for the whites but "Tommy" with a gameness displayed more than once on the race track as well as on the Lacrosse field, determined that the "Montreal" should win that race; until within a quarter of a mile of the winning post did he "hang" to the Indian, as that stood out in bold relief, his effort came and he flitted past the aborigine and rapidly left him. When within a few yards of the goal he stumbled and fell, all hope seemed lost, but bounding from the

snow, he landed himself the winner of the race, amid the frantic hurrahs of the spectators, time 6 m. 45 sec.

The same entries as in the Hurdle race, with the addition of two Indians "toed" the mark for the 100 yard dash, one straight heat, prize, a silver medal. After a short fifteen second three gasp season, T. R. Whitehead, landed himself the winner, defeating W. M. Wright, A. A. McCulloch, H. E. Murray and Brown, the Indians no where.

One straight heat seemed to be the favorite way of testing the merits of competitors in the "old time" races, and the hope still lingers fondly with some of us, that those days may return when we can leave our office stools to compete, with some chance of success, instead of resorting to the laborious system of training which now threatens to bring our gentlemanly sports to the level of professionalism.

The two miles Club "cup" race, followed and proved as was anticipated, an easily won victory for W. Stanley, who ran in a winner in 14 m. 28 sec. defeating Wm. Murray, Mason, Chas. W. Radiger, McCord, and George Bent.

After the Races, Mr. Stanley received the cup from the hands of Mrs. Colonel Thackwell, Mr. Wright, the belt for the Hurdle race from Mrs. C. J. Coursol, T. R. Whitehead, his medal from Mrs. Alex. Ross,

and Mr. Coffin, his medal from Mrs. Romeo H. Stephens. These proceedings finished the day's sport.

THE ANNUAL DINNER.

In the evening the dinner took place at "Dolly's" when a large company sat down, presided over by N. H. Hughes. Conspicuous among the decorations were the two silver cups won by Mr. Stanley. The evening passed pleasantly away with song and speech. Among the former were two compositions by George Parys, which are appended in all their originality.

WRITTEN FOR M. S. S. C.,

BY GEO. PARYS.

AIR.—"*Dearest May*"

On the "Mile-End Course," in Montreal,
A snow shoe walk took place,
Which the spectators, one and all,
Pronounced a tip-top race.
A silver medal was the prize
The walk a five mile heat,
The racers differed much in size
But all were hard to beat.

Walk, walk away,
If you wish to win the day,
Pushing for five miles thro' deep snow
Is anything but play.

Look back for many a year,
In the annals of sporting news,
You'll find all walking matches here
Were won by Nicholas Hughes.
Now, some new racers are springing up,
Who at present don't wish to talk,
But at next year's match for the "prize cup,"
They'll show how they can walk.

Walk, walk away,
If you wish to win the day,
Five miles on snow shoes, against Nick Hughes
Is anything but play.

There's a "boy" in the Snow Shoe Club
Who belongs to the "young school,"
For the "Medal" he gave Hughes a hard rub,
His name is Hebert Rintoul,
He, the "Medal" expects to get
At the annual walk, next year,
And many on him are ready to bet
Without the slightest fear.

But he'll have to walk away,
If he wishes to win the day,
Walking on snow shoes against Nick Hughes
Is anything but play.

SONG OF THE MONTREAL SNOW SHOE CLUB.

BY GEO. PAYS.

Pass the bottle and fill your glasses,
Now that each has munched his "grub,"
We'll drink success to the pretty lasses,
Whose lovers belong to the Snow Shoe Club.

Yes, to-night we'll all unite
To drink success to the Snow Shoe Club.

At racing, we challenge all creation
Let them be prepared for a very hard rub,
If among the picked men of any nation
Some think they can beat the Snow Shoe Club.

Then to-night, with all our might,
We'll drink success to the Snow Shoe Club.

All pretty girls, take my advice,
On some vain fop don't waste your "lub,"
But if you wish to hug something nice,
Why marry a boy of the Snow Shoe Club.

Then each night, with wild delight,
You'll sing success to the Snow Shoe Club.

In February of this year the famous St. Hyacinthe scurry took place and as it is graphically described in one of the papers of the day, I cannot do better than give it in its entirety.

EXCURSION AND SNOW SHOE RACE AT ST. HILAIRE MOUNTAIN.

A large number of members from the Montreal, St. George and Aurora Clubs of this city repaired on the 5th inst. to the picturesque mountain of Belœil, on the invitation of Mr. Comte, of the Monte St. Hilaire Hotel, to compete for a silver medal, to be presented by that spirited gentleman to the winner of a race from the St. Hilaire Station to his hotel on the mountain a distance of three miles.

There was a large gathering of the "habitans" of the

surrounding villages to witness the sport of the day and the greatest excitement prevailed when Messrs. A. Lamothe and Philip Duchesnay, the Stewards drew up the competitors, twelve in number on the hill overlooking the station.

The appearance at the start was truly picturesque. The bystanders gazed upon the line of smart athletic fellows with a feeling of admiration. Some were clothed in Indian costume, others in light blanket coats and in the countenances of all could be seen an animated expression of hope that Dame Fortune would favor each of them.

At a given signal off they go, some running, some walking and each choosing the direction, which he thinks the most likely to lead him to the goal. Immediately in rear of the main body could be seen a young fellow with his coat thrown off, and in a white shirt, quietly following the track of his fellow competitors, till he reached the brink of the first hill above the station, with the greatest ease he took the lead and dashed into the forest closely followed by Messrs. Hughes, Rintoul, John McCord, Coffin, Macauley, Morris, Thomas Taylor, and Charles W. Radiger, the two latter gentlemen walked from Montreal having half an hour to rest before starting in the race. From that moment the race was blank to the spectators and the hundred sleighs drove off to the hotel to await the arrival of the winner. Exactly two and a half minutes from the time of starting, while all were standing with anxiety on the gallery of Comte's hotel, a voice called out "here comes the man with the white shirt" and sure enough in the distance, Frank Dowd, was coming and in a short space of time touched the winning flag having accomplished the three miles, up hill and thro' forest in 25 minutes. Seven minutes afterwards the next competitor arrived, McCord and Radiger, were a tie for third place

and the rest arrived one by one, at intervals of three and four minutes.

When all had cooled off, the sumptuous dinner was served by mine host to which ample justice was done. Everything was conducted in perfect harmony and all felt happy and satisfied at the arrangements of the day.

Mr. Hughes, President of the Montreal Snow Shoe Club presided. At the dinner the following toasts were proposed and well received.

The Queen, song by the Company, "God save the Queen."

Her Majesty's representative in this Colony, General Sir Wm. Eyre, a member of the Club.

Mr. Dowd, the winner of the medal, here the President presented Mr. Dowd with the medal, when he replied in neat and appropriate terms.

Our Sister Clubs. Responded to by Mr. Morris of St. George's Club.

Mr. Dowd, proposed N. H. Hughes' health, which was received with highland honours and responded to by Mr. Hughes.

Mr. Lamothe proposed—Our friends from the Country. Responded to by Mr. Chas. Rolland, of St Marie.

Mr. Rolland proposed Mr. Lamothe, to which Mr. Lamothe replied.

The President proposed—The Ladies. Responded to by Mr. McCord,

Mr. Macauley proposed—Our Host. Mr. Comte responded in happy terms.

Major Campbell, —by Mr. Rolland.

Other volunteer toasts were proposed, and songs sung, until

time warned the Revellers to take him by the forelock, which was accordingly grasped, and after a few happy moments spent in the drawing Rooms, where music and dancing were indulged in for a brief space, the train was taken for Montreal.

All separated delighted with Mr. Comte's good accommodation and excellent fare, hoping soon to visit him again. Such was the St. Hyacinthe race and one more laurel added to the wreath of the club.

A few of the members including N. H. Hughes, Thos. Taylor, Chas. W. Radiger, Saml. Macauley, Jno. McCord, W. H. Rintoul, walked into town (23 miles) dispensing with all such aid as the Railway, teams etc.,

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THE "AURORA" SNOW SHOE CLUB.

Annual Races of the "Aurora" Club took place upon the Mile End Course, on March 5th, when a large number of spectators were present.

4 Mile Indian Race for purse $25, five entries, Joseph won in 29½ m. defeating Karronta, Ignace, Lazarre, and Pierre.

200 yds. Hurdle Race was won by Jno. Brown, defeating M. P. Stevenson, J. Dionne (Indian) A. Lecompte, Geo. Follenus, and R. Gray, who fell, coming in third, Indian was second.

Four Mile club walk was won by James Gray, who led from the start in 44 m. 14 sec. defeating H. Walker, Ogden, and Chas. Hanson.

Boys ½ mile was won by Brault in 3 m. 20 sec.

Two mile race for Club gold medal, was won by R. Gray, who took the lead and led throughout winning in 14 m. 15 sec. defeating Jno. Brown, J. W. Bleakly, and Frank Edgar, Brown came in second, five yards ahead of Edgar.

Garrison Race, one mile. Stewart first ($10) 8 m. 2 sec. Neill ($4,) 8 m. 15 sec. Clark ($2,) 8 m. 18 sec. all soldiers of the 17th Regiment.

100 yds. Dash, silver medal, Club Race, was won by Jno. Brown, in 19 seconds defeating R. Gray and Frank Edgar.

One mile consolation Race, 8 entries including three Indians was won by a redskin in 6 m. 20 sec.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING.

The following minutes of Annual Meeting were omitted in their proper place.

At this Meeting it was moved by R. H. Stephens seconded by W. H. Rintoul :—

"That in future, new Members be admitted by Ballot, being previously proposed and seconded at a Meeting of the Club."—*Carried.*

After which, R. H. Stephens proposed, seconded by Wm. Brown :—

"That the officers of club be empowered to draw up a Constitution and By-Laws to be submitted for approval by club." —*Carried.*

Also moved by N. H. Hughes, seconded by Geo. Parys :

"That the club meet during the winter for walking. Wednesday evenings at half past 7 and on Saturday afternoons at 3 o'clock."—*Carried.*

The Roll numbered 67 members,

The following account of a walk with the "Montreal" Snow Shoe Club, which we find in the *Montreal Transcript* deserves a place in the History, as it conveys a pretty correct idea of the healthy and manly sport :

Reader, have you ever been out snow-shoeing. If you have not, you are to be pitied for your ignorance of one of the greatest pleasures which enliven the tedium of a Canadian winter ; and, out of the abundance of my charity, I will endeavour to throw a ray of light over the darkness of your understanding. For this purpose, I invite you to accompany the Montreal Club in one of their walks over the Mountain, if you will grant me the patient attention the magnitude of the subject demands.

Half-past seven o'clock ! and here we are at the rendevous, in Sherbrooke street, and here also are the members of the Snow-shoe Club, headed by their worthy President and Vice-President. "There were giants in those days," and these two gentlemen, from their height, seem to be of the race of the Anakim. Your observation leads at once to the knowledge of the fact, that all the members are in appropriate costume, namely, a blanket coat, with capote attached, firmly bound round the waist with a sash or belt ; blanket continuations, and mocassins of moose-skin ; together with the indispen-

sible snow-shoe. These, you will see, are made of hickory, bent so as to form an oval in front, and tapering gradually to the rear, where they are tightly fastened together, and adorned, round the sides, with tufts of crimson wool. At an open space near the front, a thong of deerskin is fastened, forming an aperture for the reception of the great toe. The thong is then crossed over the top of the foot, passed round, and tied at the sides; thus leaving the heel at liberty to move up and down upon the shoe, and resting the weight of it upon the toes.

"All right" is the signal given, the number of members present ascertained, and at the word away they go, in Indian file. The route is across the Mountain; for your snowshoer looks with contempt upon the beaten road. The more of impediments in the shape of hedges, ditches, and fences, the better for his purpose. Off they go, at a rattling pace, for the President steps out, like him of cork-leg notoriety, and each member has to keep up with him. It is a bracing night, clear and cold, the air sharp and exhilarating, keenly admonishing sluggards, that if they do not hurry, the cold will prove too strong for them. The moon is up, shedding her pale silver light upon the city below, and the mountain above, revealing in chastened splendor its dark outline, and showing the trail of the walkers as they twine their way upwards. Now we are in full heat; "the smoke of our nostrils is terrible," and hair and beard are whitened by the sharp frost. But what matter? The wild blood is careering through the veins with redoubled speed, and we feel all the intoxication of the pure cold air, which we breathe faster as our pace increases. Onward we go; our spirits enlivened, braced up, and mounting higher and higher, as the dark forest seems to invite us on. Excelsior! is the motto; over the snow wreaths, through ra-

vines, round perpendicular rocks—still onwards. Excelsior! Excelsior! Now an ugly fence crosses our track; with one spring the President clears it, and each one in succession takes the leap. A ditch is surmounted in the same unceremonious fashion. And so, still upward we go, till the powerful voice of our leader is heard giving the word of command, "Halt!" and we have reached the summit. The roll is called, in case there should be any stragglers, and off we set, down the other side, leaping every obstacle which impedes our downward race, for down we go at the double, till the hospitable door of Mount Pleasant Hotel, at Cote-des-Neiges, opens to afford us admittance. The shoes are taken off, and the party range themselves round the table, to partake ot refreshments of biscuits, cheese and ale; for no spirits or wines are allowed by the rules of the Club.

No ceremonious party, starched up and stiffened to the rigidity of courtly etiquette, are our Snowshoers. Each glowing face is lighted up with great satisfaction, as the pretty waitress enters with a tray bearing two or three enormous jugs of the creaming malt, whose foam white as the snow without, betokens that no sourness has tainted the delicious *gout*, and that it is as good and fresh as the party are thirsty. The celerity with which the first two glasses disappear is amazing, as the vanishing of Hamlet's ghost,—

"'Tis here! 'tis there! 'tis gone!"

But the first draught or two taken, the company settle down seriously for a couple of hours' fun. 'What a bull!' you exclaim. 'Stop, stop, not so fast if you please. Look at the glance of firm determination to be merry, as each one settles himself at the table, prepared to do justice to the bread, cheese, and ale, which are plentifully supplied by our host

Moore, after the wants of each are satisfied, song follows song in quick succession, till the rapid flight of time, as demonstrated by the old fashioned clock in the corner, whose musical bell rings out the hour of ten, tells them that "home" is the watchword. The small sum of six pence stg. is each one's contribution ; the bill is discharged, snow shoes tied on, and the route again taken over the mountain. Then, to bed confessing that snow-shoeing is a glorious institution, give a heavy yawn, and sleep, sound as a top, till morning, with no fear of a night-mare before your eyes.

SEASON 1859-1860.

The Annual Meeting was held at Dolly's on the 3rd December 1859, when the following were elected office-bearers.

ROMEO H. STEPHENS.—*President.*
NICHOLAS H. HUGHES.—*1st. Vice-President.*
JOHN MURRAY.—*2nd. Vice-President.*
GEORGE PARYS.—*Secretary-Treasurer.*

COMMITTEE.

ARTHUR LAMOTHE, W. H. MINTOUL.
W. H. Woods.

There were 75 names on the roll of members this season.

TRAMPS.

First walk of the season took place on Saturday afternoon, 17th December 1859, only ten were present, deterred no doubt by the absence of sufficient snow to make snow shoeing desirable, they tramped by way of the Road (without snow-shoes) to Moore's.

The club, feeling perfectly secure in the possession of such runners as, Stanley, Murray, Macdougall

and Radiger, who was fast budding into bloom, issued the following challenge, dated 17th January 1860.

"CHALLENGE TO SNOW SHOERS"

"The Montreal Snow Shoe Club offer a silver "cup (value $40) as a prize to be competed for by "members of the club against "all comers." Entries "to be made with the Secretary within ten days."

This challenge was never accepted by any of the city clubs, much to our disappointment.

THE FIVE MILE WALK.

The Annual five mile walk took place on Saturday 21st January 1860, on the Mile End Course.

Five started, Messrs. F. H. Fisher, W. H. Rintoul, T. W. Taylor, J. Redpath, and Chas. Brush. Brush and Redpath retired after walking two miles, leaving the race to the other three. "During the race the greatest excitement prevailed among the spectators, the men were well matched and kept close together, so that it was impossible to say who would be the winner. They passed the winning post on the last mile, loudly cheered, Fisher about four yards ahead of Taylor and eight ahead of Rintoul. Owing to the thaw the track was in a heavy condition and the time (56m.) in consequence was slow, notwithstanding it is the best upon our record.

After the race the club tramped to Moore's

where sixty members sat down, and enjoyed a hearty dinner. The necks of all the turkeys, geese and chickens in the village had been twisted for the occasion and a sirloin of beef weighing 100 pounds lay smoking on the table, to which the hungry snow shoers, did ample justice. The evening was spent after the usual manner and at ten o'clock, the company returned to town.

ANNUAL RACES.

The Annual races took place upon the Mile End Course, on the 18th February 1860. Owing to the scarcity of snow and the continued mildness of the weather, the club had been unable to go on the usual tramps for three weeks before the Races.

This mild state of things did not tend to excite any great amount of enthusiasm and prospects seemed dark indeed as to the presence of snow sufficient to cover the race track. Our Secretary in this desperate strait determined by fair means or foul to have the "pure element" in such quantity as to give ample satisfaction. Accordingly, having knowledge of a certain witch, who professed to considerable influence with the traditional "clerk of the weather," he, by the munificent expenditure of two shillings and six pence obtained her pledged assurance that snow would be on hand in abundance, and strong in faith our Secretary advertised the races. His little investment

believed in so religiously did not fail him and sure enough the snow fell steadily the whole day before the Races, delighting the hearts of all snowshoers, who although not in the best trim, from want of practice etc., resolved to proceed with the programme as advertised.

The day was fearfully cold and a bitter blast swept the course, but notwithstanding a large crowd was present, Lieut. General Sir Wm. Fenwick Williams K. C. B. presided over the sports, ably seconded by Col. Ermatinger, Arthur Lamothe, R. H. Stephens and N. H. Hughes as Stewards.

Six Indians and one white man, (Fred. Castle,) started for the

FOUR MILE RACE,

($25.00) Castle broke down at the end of the second mile, leaving the contest to the Indians. Takarahonté won after a hard fight in 31 m. 29 sec.

THE ONE MILE RACE

for a silk sash (the gift of Mrs. R. H. Stephens) to be competed for by members under 21 years of age, brought out the following gentlemen:— T. W. Taylor, H. S. MacDougall, C. W. Radiger, John Rodgers, William Smith and Wm. Murray. As they embraced the choicest runners of the club, the race caused some little excitement. At the word "go" a lively strug-

gle ensued for the lead, which was secured by Murray who maintained it till near the finish, but unfortunately fell from sheer exhaustion when within a few strides of the winning post. Radiger who was running second, seeing this stopped, thinking that the race was lost to him, but being urged by the spectators, he put on an extra "spurt," passed Murray as he lay upon the snow, and was declared winner, time 7m. 6sec. Some objection was made to this decision, on the ground that Murray believed he had reached the winning post, but was over-ruled in favor of Radiger.

The

HURDLE RACE,

120 yards over four, three feet hurdles, open to all, prize a belt, brought out a field of six. It was won in gallant style by H. E. Murray (in after years better known as "Jim") in 19 sec. who thus secured his first win over timber in the races of the club.

BOYS HALF MILE RACE,

under 14 years, (pair of snow shoes) brought out a field of thirteen and was won by James Foster in 3 m. 53 sec.

The

OPEN MILE RACE,

(silver medal) brought out four Indians and Wm.

Stanley. (M) This was won in 7 m. 7 sec. by a long legged Aborigine priding himself in the possession of the name Solsalastackanoare.

The

ONE HUNDRED YARDS DASH,

(open,) was won by "Jim" Murray from a field of four in 18 seconds, thus adding another medal to his store.

The

CLUB CUP RACE

of two miles, brought five competitors to the post, three of whom retired at the end of the first mile leaving the race to W. Macfarlane and Hartland MacDougall. It was won easily by MacDougall in 14 m. 47 sec.

The cup was presented to him by the General amid loud cheers, his graceful running establishing him a hot favorite with the spectators.

This finished the sports of the day.

ANNUAL DINNER.

The Annual Dinner took place at "Dolly's" in the evening, and quite a number sat down. After the substantials were disposed of, mirth and enjoyment reigned supreme till a late hour.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

The following was composed by Geo. Parys to

celebrate a tramp to the above named village, when the stalwart walkers went some distance astray and failed to reach their proposed destination.

T'was on a Sunday morning,
At half-past nine o'clock,
That six of the Snow Shoe Boys
Started for a ten mile walk.
Chorus.—Fol de rol lol day, fol de rol lol day,

Oh, if you had heard them talk,
Before they went away,
You would have thought they were going to walk
From here to Hudson's Bay.
Chorus.—Fol de lol, etc.,

They started off all right
For St. Vincent de Paul,
But after walking fifteen miles.
They didn't get there at all.
Chorus.—Fol de lol, etc.,

They say poor Charley Myers
Had such a bleeding toe.
That he left a long red track
O'er twenty miles of snow.
Chorus.—Fol de lol, etc.,

But it's a curious fact
Which the marines all know,
That when a snow shoer is laid up,
It is with a sore toe.
Chorus.—Fol de lol, etc.,

They say the brave Rambeau
Was the first to break down,
He thought he would'nt live
To see his mother in town.
Chorus.—Fol de lol, etc.,

Like a warrior he lay down
To die beside a fence,
While the others aghast looked on
In an agony of suspense.

Chorus.—Fol de lol, etc.,

The Veteran Hughes then spoke
And said he'd go a-head
To order dinner for five,
Rambeau they thought was dead.

Chorus.—Fol de lol etc.,.

They arrived at last,
The dead Rambeau and all,
At a kind of stove pipe village
But not St. Vincent de Paul.

Chorus.—Fol de lol, etc.,

Dinner was ready soon,
And plates were laid for five,
"Another plate," roared a voice,
And up sprang Rambeau, alive!

Chorus.—Fol de lol, etc.,

Brave Rambeau had only been joking,
Did'nt mean to die at all.
He ordered six gin cock-tails
And boldly swallowed them all.

Chorus.—Fol de lol, etc.,

And of the six great walkers
Who dined at stove pipe hall,
They say the dead Rambeau
Was the liveliest of them all.

Chorus.—Fol de lol, etc.,

They prepared at last to start
On their homeward way,
Brown, Macauley, Hughes on snow shoes.
All the others in a sleigh.

Chorus.—Fol de lol, etc.,

We hope, if they attempt
Upon some future day
To go to St. Vincent, they will get there,
And not get fifteen miles astray.

Chorus.—Fol de lol, etc.,

THE "AURORA" RACES.

Took place in February but we are unable to procure a correct account, should one come to hand it will be inserted further on.

CLUB PICTURE.

On Saturday 25th February 1860, the club tramped out to Moore's to have a "photo" taken by Henry. The picture proved after execution to be rather gloomy and few copies were in demand. Picture No. 2 was next in order, officers only, but this was a signal failure, the presence of an animated background proving too much for the dignity of the officers, who after several attemps at a suitable state of solemnity gave up all idea of a picture, much to the delight of background brilliants.

SEASON 1860 - 61,

The Annual meeting took place at Dolly's on Saturday evening 8th December, 1860 when the following gentlemen were elected officers for the season.

N. H. HUGHES.—*President.*
GEORGE PARYS.—*1st Vice-President.*
W. H. RINTOUL.—*2nd Vice-President.*
H. S. MACDOUGALL.—*Sec-Treasurer.*

Committee.

JOHN MURRAY. | W. H. WOODS.
CHARLES BRUSH.

TRAMPS.

The first long tramp took place on Saturday afternoon the 5th January 1861. Twenty-one members were present, "they went out to and across "the old Race Course, down to Lorn MacDougall's "farm, struck off to left and came out near Leslie's, "crossed the fields to Moore's, after there enjoying "supper, left for home, going over the Mountain." Other tramps took place when weather proved favourable, one especially "when they tramped on "12th January (with 23 present) along Sherbrooke "street, up Cote des Neiges hill, down behind the "Furniss' house, over the Mountain to Murray's, "down by the Glen to the Tanneries, returned by the "Glen into town by Dorchester street."

FIVE MILE WALK.

The five mile walk was to have taken place on the 19th inst, but at request of the competitors was postponed and the club went for a tramp instead, thirty being present.

TRAMP TO ST. JOHNS.

The following is extracted from the "*Pilot*" Feb. 11, 1861:—"We are informed that 7 members of the Montreal Snow Shoe Club left here on Saturday last at ¼ to 5 p. m. for a snow shoe tramp to St. Johns. Their names were T. W. Taylor, Fred. Castles, C. Hanson, M. Bleakley,—Henry, M. Ogden, and Eadie, and, after walking till 9 p. m., arrived at Monett's Hotel, to the great astonishment of the worthy landlord who received his Montreal visitors to their perfect satisfaction. On their way out they met five Locomotives drawing two cars, and it is useless to remark, that, in the present instance, the snow shoe had the advantage over the iron horse."

FIVE MILE WALK.

On Saturday afternoon the 26th of January, the walk for the Champion silver medal took place on the Mile End Course. The day was mild and well adapted for the match, but a heavy fall of snow combined with the mildness of the weather rendered the track somewhat heavy. A fair crowd was

assembled but the private nature of the match prevented the presence of a larger one.

It was four o'clock before the competitors, nine in number were ready to start, Messrs. T. Taylor, A. McCulloch, Frank Dowd, R. Barnard, F. Fisher, Bailey, H. Rintoul, G. S. Fraser, & Ross. The umpires were Messrs. Hughes, R. H. Stephens, George Parys, and John Murray. The "word" having been given Fisher took the lead, and maintained it but a little way, when Taylor took his place and led the first mile in 10 minutes 5 sec. McCulloch, Dowd, Barnard and the rest,—with the exception of Fraser and Ross who retired,—close up.

The heavy walking began to tell on the second mile, when Bailey and Barnard withdrew. Taylor led the second mile in 10½m. Dowd, McCulloch, and the rest well up. Taylor kept the lead throughout with Dowd close behind, the rest straggling along the track. At the third mile Rintoul threw up the "sponge;" time 11 m. Fourth mile was accomplished in 11¼ m. Taylor and Dowd keeping well together. Fisher and McCulloch kept one another company some distance behind. The fifth and last mile was very exciting as Taylor and Dowd each struggled manfully for the victory. As they drew near the post, the cheering of the spectators and their own eagerness probably prevented them from

maintaining the gravity of a walk and they fell into something very like a trot, and some doubts were expressed as to the fairness of their performance. The umpires however, decided it to be perfectly fair and the medal was awarded to Taylor who finished the fifth mile in 11 m. with Dowd close behind. Total time for five miles, 54 m. and 5 sec. which considering the state of track was good.

PRESIDENT'S DINNER.

The President's dinner took place on the evening of the 18th February, at Moore's after returning from a twenty mile tramp. "The Room was tastefully decorated with flags and evergreens and the guests to the number of sixty, arrayed in the full dress costume of snow shoers took their seats at the table to discuss the goods the gods had provided, after doing full justice to them, the table was cleared for the toasts. We will not dwell upon the leading toasts of the Queen etc., so dear to every snow shoer, but will pass on to those interesting ourselves.

Mr. Parys, the ever eloquent Secretary, rose to propose a toast which he was sure would be done full justice to, by every snow shoer present, "the health of their President "Nick" Hughes, one of the original founders of the club, who had stuck to it faithfully since its commencement and he could

say, that on many a stormy night, under his leadership,

> Over the snow in Indian file
> This club has travelled many a mile.

"They were all aware of the beneficial effects of snow shoeing on their health, and snow shoers might rest assured that when they saw

> A man with a belly as round as a tub,
> He doesn't belong to a Snow Shoe Club."

Mr. Hughes replied in a neat and appropriate speech and concluded by singing an original and highly amusing ditty, after which a gentleman from the South sang an overseer's plantation song with a horse-whip chorus in first rate style.

On Mr. Parys' health being proposed he made a brief reply and concluded by singing an original song, detailing the wonderful adventures met with, by some gentlemen on Christmas day while

> "On a kind of a jollification,
> With a tip-top tandem sleigh."

each verse concluding with the chorus of disappointment by the drivers, who tried to catch up to them but could'nt,

> We've seen fast horses many a day,
> But nothing to beat that tandem sleigh.

A perfect storm of jokes, songs and speeches kept the revellers alive till 11 o'clock struck, when the President's voice rang out "time to

travel home," "God save the Queen" was "howled" out, shoes tied on and over the Mountain the club tramped homewards extremely well pleased with themselves and also with the President's dinner.

ANNUAL RACES, AURORA CLUB.

On February 16th, 1861, the Annual Races of the "Aurora" Snow Shoe Club took place upon the Montreal Cricket field, when the 100 yards dash and Hurdle race were won by "Jim" Murray.

"The Annual Races, were held on the Montreal Cricket Ground on February 16th 1861, weather was very mild, the track heavy, and the competition keen. Attendance of spectators, especially the ladies was large.

The Stewards were Col. Ermatinger, Col. Dyde and R. D. Collis Esq.,

Four mile, Indian Race, open to all, ($15,) won after a close contest, by Joseph Jacob in 30 minutes. 5 competitors, all Indians.

120 yards Hurdle race, open (belt) H. E. Murray, (M) in 18 sec.

One mile, open (silver medal) won by Francis Lorimier, in 6 m. 50sec. whites gave up. 4 whites and 2 Indians competed.

100 yards dash, open (medal) won by H. E. Murray (M) in 15 seconds.

Boys ½ mile, (snow shoes) won by James Bowie in 3 m. 35 sec. Stevenson second, 15 competitors.

Two mile club cup, won by Frank Edgar in 16 m. 5 sec. 8 competitors.

Garrison ½ mile, Jno. Lynch ($6.00) James McKeon ($4) Richard Corby ($2) all of the R. C. Rifles, 5 of the R. C. Rifles and 3 of the Artillery competed."

ANNUAL RACES.

The Annual Races took place upon the Montreal Cricket field, on Saturday 23rd February. The weather was exceedingly unfavourable, a violent snow-storm raged, and the wind whistled over the Course with cutting severity. In spite of all this quite a large crowd assembled, among the visitors were observed a large number of ladies who braved the storm to grace the scene as well as cheer the hearts of the competitors by their presence.

HONORARY STEWARD.

LIEUT. GEN. SIR WM. F. WILLIAMS. K. C. B.

STEWARDS.

COL. BRADFORD, R. C. R. COL. CHAS. ROLLAND
W. R. KINGSFORD, ARTHUR LAMOTHE,
COL. ERMATINGER.

RACES.

The four mile Indian Race ($25) opened the performance, eight Indians and one white man entered. The wind was very trying and during the first mile, the leading Indian had his ear frozen stiff, he kept on however with the stoic indifference peculiar to his Race and won the purse in the remarkably good time of 29 m. 26 sec. His name was Joseph Jacob.

Then came the

HURDLE RACE

for a prize belt, open to all, which "Jim" Murray,

won, defeating Thomas Whitehead, W. G. Murray and five others.

THE BOYS' HALF MILE

for a pair of snow shoes followed. About a dozen youngsters under fourteen struck out for the "shoes," James Bowie won the lead and kept it throughout, time 3 m. 45 sec.

A large field contested the

ONE MILE RACE,

open to all, for a silver medal. The favourite was Hartland MacDougall, who led from the start and stood well to win having a long lead, when within a short distance of the post, he fell and before he could recover himself, an Indian darted past and won the Race in 6 m. 59 sec.

150 YARDS DASH

in heats for a silver medal followed and was splendidly contested. "Jim" Murray, John Murray, Thomas Whitehead and Charles Brush coming in to the post in the order named each heat. The running had been rarely equalled as the best men of the day were competing, John Murray entering to make a certainty of a *win*, as some "clippers" from the other clubs were to have entered to attempt a *win* for their club, but his long stride was not needed to ensure victory, he merely trotted by the side of his brother "Jim" who did the running.

(medal) followed, this was close and exciting and was won in 3 m. 25 sec. by H. S. MacDougall, whose running seems to have been highly appreciated by the spectators, as we read often of the hearty applause he received when among the competitors. Richard Tate (Aurora) and Irwin struggled manfully, but only got second and third respectively.

CLUB CUP RACE.

The two mile club cup race, was won in 15½ m. by J. H. Bleakley, followed by A. Dowd, Bailey and Henry.

There was a Soldiers' race on the programme, but on account of elections, the troops were confined to Barracks.

After presentation of prizes to the winners by the President and three cheers for the Queen etc., the day's sport came to an end. The dinner took place in the evening at Dolly's.

RACE AT LACHINE.

On March 7th 1861, a notice appeared in the daily papers, to the effect that a "silver cup and "a purse of money will be run for at Lachine "on Saturday. A special train at reduced rates will "leave Bonaventure Depot and quite a number "of visitors are expected. Members of the various

"city clubs are expected to compete, and it is "expected to be very close and exciting. The "contest will take place upon Dawes' farm."

McGILL UNIVERSITY RACES.

On March 12th 1861, the University Races came off on the McGill College Ground, when George Massey won the mile race (silver medal) easily in 6 m. 20 sec.

C. Peers Davidson, the 100 yds. Dash (silver medal) in 19s. and 17s. defeating a field of eight.

Richard Tate won the ½ mile (silver medal) in 3 m. 4 sec. defeating a field of six.

John Ferguson won the 100 yds. Hurdle race (silver medal) defeating C. Peers Davidson, and five others.

The two mile race (silver medal) was won by Richard Tate in 14 m. 15 sec. C. P. Davidson second, six started.

The last and most amusing was the cap and gown race of half a mile, for a silver cup. The entries were numerous and owing to the students being obliged to run in their "trenchers" and "gowns," the competitors gradually fell off and after a spirited contest was won by D. R. McCord in 3½ m. followed by DeWitt.

The competitors were all Students, although in a year or so later most of their names figured prominently as members of the Montreal and Aurora Clubs.

PRESENTATION OF A CUP.

Lieut. General Sir Wm. F. Williams presented a cup to be run for by members of the club, when after some discussion it was thrown open to members of city clubs.

"WILLIAMS" CUP RACE.

The race (three miles) came off on the Cricket ground on Thursday afternoon March 14th, after several postponements on account of the weather.

HONORARY STEWARD.

LIEUT. GEN. SIR WM. F. WILLIAMS, K. C. B.

STEWARDS.

COL. BRADFORD, R. C. R. COL. NAPIER, C. B.
COL. DYDE, COL. ROLLAND.
ARTHUR LAMOTHE.

THE RACES.

The day broke bright and clear and after all their disappointments the "Montreal" were rewarded with a splendid day. The Cricket ground was crowded with the *elite* and beauty of the city to witness the struggle for supremacy between the clubs. Additional attractions were offered in the shape of other races, first on the programme being the

HURDLE RACE.

120 yards, for a silver medal. Five or six started

but John Murray's tall form soon swept to the front clearing the hurdles in beautiful style, landing himself a winner in 19 sec. T. R. Whitehead and John Rogers some distance behind.

This was followed by the

100 YARDS DASH.

in heats for a silver medal. There were six competitors, almost all the same as in the preceding race. The heats were won in 12 and 13 sec. respectively by John Murray, defeating T. R. Whitehead, John Rogers and Charles Brush.

Then came the great event of the day, the race for the

"GENERAL'S CUP,"

Never had any prize for excellence in this manly sport excited more emulation or brought forward a greater number of first-class runners than on this occasion. There were thirteen entries H. S. MacDougall, (M.) Robert Gray, Tom Coffin, (M.) J. McLennan, Fred Castle, (M.) Frank Dowd, (M.) McCaffrey, John Tetu, H. Bailey, (M.) H. E. Murray, (M.) James Gray, (A.) Charles Broster, (A.) and another. At the word "go" they all dashed off in splendid style, each one striving for the lead, so that the pace for the first quarter was somewhat startling and by the time the half mile post was reached some few drew out unable to

stand the pressure. Bailey passed the stand leading the first half mile in 3 m. 12 sec. Murray second MacDougall third. The pace on the 2nd ½ mile flagged a little, 3 m. 30 s. during the third half mile some good brushes took place, and amid great cheering MacDougall passed to the front, Dowd second, Gray third, time 3 m. 47 s. From this out MacDougall kept his lead. The sixth and last round excited great interest as the contest lay between our champion and that of the "Aurora," Jas. Gray. The result appeared very doubtful, MacDougall still had a good lead, but when nearing the "post," Gray put on a splendid "spurt" and rapidly drew up to MacDougall, who, glancing back noted his proximity and gathering himself together for the final effort, put on such a burst of speed as to electrify the spectators, and leaving Gray far in the rear rushed past the "post". the winner of the "cup," amidst the wildest enthusiasm and the congratulations of his club. The time was very good 21 m. 20 s. Mr. Gray, (A) second in 21 m. 30 s. C. Broster, (A.) third 22 m. 40 s.

The races closed with the

HALF MILE GARRISON RACE.

This race always so full of ludicrous situations was no different in character from others of its like, and those of our readers who have seen the gallant

defenders of our country, floundering and rolling about, encumbered by those rascally frames of gut and hardwood, christened "snow shoes" and supplied by Government to their unsophisticated wearers will bear me out when I say that one of the best *recipes* for the "blues" is to be present at a ½ mile race on snow shoes open only to the Garrison.

The race was won by Devine in 4 m. 10 s. Corby second.

The "cup" was presented to Hartland MacDougall by the General, who said:—"I give you this cup, with all my heart, you have won it bravely," enthusiastic cheers greeted the recipient.

After three hearty cheers for the Queen, and the General the sports closed.

The Dinner took place on the evening of Feby. 23rd, at Dolly's.

The roll of members numbered 75 this season.

"TRAMP OVER THE MOUNTAIN."

AIR.—"*Dixie's Land.*"

We take our places on the snow shoe trail,
And do not fear the piercing gale,
March away! march away!
March away o'er the snow.
O'er mountain top and valley low
To Cote des Neiges we tramping go,
March away! March away!
March away o'er the snow.

Chorus.—To Cote des Neiges let us haste away,
Hooray! hooray!
In darkest night or pale moonlight,
Tramping to the hill of snow
Away! away!
Away to the hill of snow
Away! away!
Out west to the hill of snow

In the clear, cold sky, the polar star,
Like beacon light is shining far,
Shine away! shine away!
Shine away! beacon star.
Over ice-bound hill, boys, off we tramp,
Lighted by yon wanderer's lamp
Shine away! shine away
Shine away, beacon star.

Chorus.—To Cote des Neiges, &c.,

The summit gained, we arrest our march
To gaze awhile where northern arch
Shoot away! shoot away!
Shoot away, northern light.
Its lance-like flame in splendor beaming,
O'er the dome of Heaven streaming
Shoot away! shoot away!
Shoot away, northern light.

Chorus.—To Cote des Neiges, &c.

Away, away, then out west tramping
Gaily singing while we're stamping,
Tramp away! tramp away!
Tramp away to the West.
And if you have a care or sorrow,
Come along with us to-morrow,
Tramp away! tramp away!
Tramp away to the West.

Chorus.—To Cote des Neiges, &c.

There our good host, with kindly greeting,
His guests' demands is ever meeting,
Sing away! sing away!
Sing away! we're at rest.
Then down before our cheerful platter,
A merry band, we sit and chatter
Sing away! sing away!
Sing away! we're at rest.

Chorus.—To Cote des Neiges, &c.

"SNOW SHOE TRAMP."

BY ALFRED BAILEY

Up, up, the morn is beaming,
Thro' the forest gleams the sun,
Rouse ye sleepers, time for dreaming
When our daily work is done.
Bind the snow shoe, fast with thong too
See that all is tight and sure,
What's amiss too, all's a bliss to
The brave young Nor'west *Voyageurs.*

Chorus.—Tramp, tramp, on snow shoes tramping,
All the day we marching go,
Till at night, by fires encamping,
We find couches on the snow.

Oh! how can men find pleasure
In the City, dull and drear,
Life's a freedom, life's a treasure,
While we do enjoy it here,
Aha! ha! ha! aha! ha! ha! See the novice down once more,
Pull him out, so, lift him up so,
Many's the fall he's had before.

Chorus.—Tramp, tramp, &c.

Men may talk of steam and railroads,
But too well our comrades know
We can beat the fastest engine
In a night tramp o'er the snow.
It may puff, sir, it may blow, sir,
It may whistle, it may scream,
But lightly dipping, gently tipping,
Snow shoes leave behind the steam.

Chorus.—Tramp, tramp, &c.

SNOW SHOE SONG,

COMPOSED FOR "MONTREAL" BY G. P.

(*Tune "Long time ago."*)

Once in old Hochelaga, as many now here know,
A band of gay and gallant youths, a snow shoeing did go ;
They tramped o'er hills and meadows, while the snow flakes merrily fell,
And agreed to found a snow shoe club, to be called the "Montreal."
T'was thus this first club started, many, many years ago,
They showed "white men" can travel, as the Red Skins well do know.

On the Old St. Pierre Race Course, their standards oft did wave,
T'was there the Lamontagnes and Browns beat many an Indian *brave ;*
T'was there where first the "Red Skins" in shame their heads, held low
When beaten by this "pale face" club, a long time ago.
Some Phœnix yearly rises who can travel over snow,
At a pace that would astonish "a long time ago."

Since this "old club" first started, many others have sprung up.
But none have ever won from us, a "prize" medal or "cup"
From all sides to our races, last year opponents came,
Our runners altho' few, kept up the name of this club "game"
They showed to all beholders, as they flew over the snow.
That they didn't shame their "great names" of a long time ago.

Altho' we're few in numbers, we belong to the right breed,
And won't succumb to any in point of pluck or speed,
You may take a lot of Shanghaes and place them in a row.
A game-cock's sure to lick them all, and then for more he'll crow;
The founders of this club were game, as its annals well can show,
And we still possess the breed it had a long time ago.

SEASON 1861-62.

The Annual Meeting took place at Dolly's on Friday evening, 6th December 1861, when 28 members were present.

A vote of thanks was presented to Mr. Hartland MacDougall, for his efforts on behalf of the club and the "plucky" manner in which he won the "Williams' cup" from "all comers."

The following gentlemen were elected officers for the coming season.

N. H. HUGHES, *President.*
GEORGE PARYS, *1st Vice-President.*
W. H. RINTOUL, *2nd Vice-President.*
W. H. WOODS, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

COMMITTEE.

A. LAMOTHE, W. G. MURRAY, THOS. COFFIN, W. H. STANLEY.

There were 75 names on the Roll.

TRAMPS.

The musters during the season were small. The average attendance being 12 owing to the fact that

our club in conjunction with the "Aurora" had organized a Rifle Regiment, which now shines a bright particular star amongst the lesser luminaries of our Militia heaven. Long may the "Victorias" flourish and bear in honour a name rendered immortal by years of a great and glorious reign. The "Beaver" Lacrosse Club members were the first originators of the scheme during the summer preceding but as most of the gentlemen forming it, were also prominent members of both clubs, they will probably pardon the pride which dictates a share in the honour of its formation to the Snow Shoe clubs. Much interest was taken in the organization and it was feared that the laurels so long held by our club, would be rudely plucked, by the rival clubs since

"Our great snow shoers had turned soldiers got drilled every night,"
"Were training like blazes not to run, but to fight."

The first tramp of the season took place upon Saturday afternoon, January 18th 1862. The day was rough and stormy, only seven members were present, they crossed the Mountain to Moore's, spending the usual time there, returning to town about 10 o'clock.

ANNUAL FIVE MILE WALK.

On Saturday afternoon the 8th February, the walk took place upon the Cricket ground, the club

mustered in force, and the following gentlemen took their places at the "scratch" Messrs. Frank Dowd, Frank Fisher, R. M. Barnard and T. W. Taylor.

The course was half a mile round, Taylor took the lead at starting, on the fourth round Fisher, who was second, had to drop out through illness, and after a close competition the former won in 53¼ minutes, Dowd second, Barnard third.

PRESIDENT'S DINNER.

On the 22nd February, the President invited the members to a feast at Moore's.

They mustered ten strong and "walked up Duro-"cher street, crossed east end of the Mountain, "to test the muscles of the "gallant few," our leader "led up a high bank, the snow was so soft and "deep, we had to use both hands and feet, after "struggling for 15 minutes, we reached the summit, "that gained, the lead was followed through devious "paths etc., crossing the cemetery, and by a long "detour through the fields, made for Moore's.

"Our leader was determined to create an appetite "for the proper discussion of the feast in store. "After a time Moore's was reached, all in good "spirits and showing by our feverish impatience the "cravings of the "inner man." Soon however the "welcome sound "dinner's ready" smote upon our "ears and little else was heard for some time but the

"clatter of the knives and forks. Our party was "augmented by the arrival of quite a number of the "members who preferred driving out. Our ever "welcome "Vice" George Parys, being rather portly "in mien, and not relishing the ten mile appetizer "was one of these. After the cloth was cleared "Messrs. Parys and Hughes, always the life and "soul of our gatherings did much to enliven the com- "pany by their contributions of song and speech. "The gathering broke up about 10 and "all up" "soon rang out upon the frosty air as the route "home was taken."

"AURORA" CLUB.

The "Aurora" Club races took place upon the Cricket ground on the 2nd March, General Williams and staff as well as a large number of the officers of the Garrison were present. The track was very heavy and time slow. The open mile race was won by Radiger of "ours."

Boys ½ mile (snow shoes) was won by James Brown in 4 m. 16 sec.

Four miles, Indian race, open, Takarhonte won in 34m. 11s by a yard. 4 Indians and 1 white competed.

Garrison, one mile, 28 competed, 18 of the 47th, and 10 of the 16th Regiments. Story (1) Granthem (2) and Skeene (3. all of the 47th, time 9 m. 35 sec.

150 yards Hurdle race, open, 5 competed, Abby Brown

(M.) won first heat, E. Irwin (A.) won next two in 20 seconds, respectively.

One mile open, (silver medal) Frank Dowd (M.) led the first ½ mile in 3 m. "Le Cerf Agile" an Indian won the race in 7 m. 25 sec.

Two mile club race won by Richard Tate in 15 m. 43 sec.

100 yards Dash, (silver medal) won by E. Irwin (A.)

One mile, open, (Rifle) was won by Chas. W. Radiger (M.)

The prizes were presented by General Williams at close of races.

ANNUAL RACES.

Took place upon the Cricket ground on the 8th March. For a wonder the weather was very fine and to add to the pleasure this gave, the fair sex mustered in numbers sufficient to satisfy their most ardent admirer.

Crowds commenced to arrive long before the bell for the four mile race rang, when that little event did happen, the Grand stand was crowded with a bevy of beauty only such as Montreal can produce.

The following were the Stewards:—

GENERAL SIR WM. F. WILLIAMS, BART.,
COL. MACKENZIE, C.B., COL. KELLY, (23rd) V.C., C.B.
COL. CONNOLY, D.A.G., E. M. HOPKINS, ESQ.,
AUGUSTUS HEWARD, ESQ., C. J. COURSOL, ESQ.,

The sports opened with the

INDIAN FOUR MILE

($20) 5 Indians and Charles Broster (A.) competed.

Joseph won in 31 m. Thomas (2) and Broster (3) in 32¾ m.

HURDLE RACE OPEN,

(belt) was won by "Jim" Murray in 22 sec. defeating a field of 12.

ONE MILE OPEN,

(silver medal) 8 whites and 2 Indians competed, won by Martin, (Indian) in 6 m. 40 sec. Dowd (M.) was third, close up.

150 YARDS, DASH,

heats, open, (silver medal) first heat was won by Irwin (A.) in 20 sec. Murray having been tripped. He however won the next two and the medal, in 19 seconds each.

HALF MILE GARRISON,

brought 16 to the post; the majority of them 47th men, Sherman won ($6) in 3m. 50sec. McCormack ($4) Story ($2.)

TWO MILE CLUB CUP,

was won by Chas. W. Radiger defeating in 14 m. 10 sec. R. Barnett and Thomas Taylor. In the first half Barnett dropped out and Taylor followed suit in the third.

HALF MILE DASH, OPEN,

(silver medal) was contested by 16 competitors, five of whom were Indians, won by Joseph, (Indian) in 3 m. 5 sec.

General Williams presented the prizes to the lucky winners, after which the crowd dispersed.

DINNER TO N. H. HUGHES.

On Saturday 15th March 1862, the club invited the President to a dinner, which took place at Moore's, 30 were present. Geo. Parys occupied the chair, with Mr. Hughes on his right. After the more substantial viands were disposed of and the preliminary toasts drank, Mr. Hughes' health was proposed and responded to with all the hononrs. The evening passed away with song and speech and the company separated after partaking of a steaming bowl of punch, which only Moore knew how to prepare to please the peculiar palates of "our ancient imbibers."

The following song was composed on the occasion of our races, when from the interest taken in the "Victorias," it was feared our laurels would be rudely plucked by white rivals, it will explain itself and expresses fully the incidents of the races, which our rivals thought to win.

"THE RAGING WAR FEVER."

(GEO. PARYS.)

TUNE.—"*Vilikins and his Dinah.*"

The raging war fever, this year sixty-two
Caused snow shoeing matters to look rather blue,
Good running and walking were looked on as trifles
By the heroes who joined the Victoria Rifles.
Ri too ral, li too ral, &c.

And we heard on all sides that this Club "Montreal"
This year could'nt have any races at all
Their great racers turned soldiers, got drilled every night,
Were training like blazes, not to run but to fight.

Ri too, &c.

The "old cocks" of the Club said they'd never despair,
They were bound to have Races, let who would be there.
As of yore, on the race track their flags were unfurled,
And the Montreal Club once more challenged the world.

Ri too, &c.

For the hurdle race, hordes of strange faces were there,
"Are there none of our Club," cried a voice in despair,
Yes, here comes a young game cock, our little friend—Jim,
And the fame of the "Old Club" rests now on him.

Ri too, &c.

Away rush the racers, at the hurdles they bound ;
The one who is leading jumps like a grey hound,
There's a cheer at the stand as the winner flies by,
And the Montreal Club men all hold their heads high.

Ri too, &c.

For the 150 yds. dash there's a crowd to compete,
Of the Montreal Club there's but one pair of feet,
Away they all dash, as if borne on the wind,
Again Murray wins, all the rest are behind.

Ri too, &c.

Here's success to the Club, may it flourish forever,
No white man e'er beat us, yet, never, oh never.
And the time will soon be when against a Redskin
For a four mile race this Club 'll go in and win.

Ri too, &c.

TRAMP TO LACHINE.

The following song was composed by N. H. Hughes to celebrate a tramp to Lachine, which was undertaken by the club, in response to a challenge issued by some officers of the 47th Regiment, then forming part of the Garrison. They were entertaining our President at the Mess one evening, when the conversation turned on snow shoeing, they seemed to ridicule the idea that our men could last through a long tramp and proposed one to Lachine, when De Balinhard and Prevost wagered that they would beat any of our men to Laflamme's Hotel there.

The song describes fully the incidents of the tramp, which ended in the discomfiture of the "Scarlet coated gentlemen."

'Twas of a famed tramp to Lachine,
The best thing of the season
The club all thought the time had come,
And had they not good reason
To cross the country as of yore;
Their own track bravely making,
Which to all snow shoers good and true,
Is the only one worth taking.

Chorus.—Tow, row row, whack, fol de riddy
and a tow row, row.

The lead was taken by friend Wood,
Who stepped it out to head the crowd,
He would have kept it, if he could
But nature's wants called out aloud,

So falling to the rear, he said,
"Go on boys," "I'll o'ertake you"
But a little thing prevented him,
The boys increased the pace a few.

Cho.—Tow row, etc.,

Head wind and strong, we work against,
High wind and still 'tis rising
The President now takes the lead,
The youngsters all surprising.
Murray and Radiger are there,
You may be sure close to him,
And tho' to pass, they do not dare,
They think the pace will "do" him.

Cho.—Tow row, etc.,

Two gallant "47th" men,
De Balinhard and young Prevost,
Tried each in turn to take the lead,
But soon they found it was "no go."
Said young Prevost, in accents loud,
"De Bal, this pace is killing"
"I am sincere, just for a beer,"
"I vow I'd give a shilling."

Cho.—Tow row, etc.

Said De Balinhard "look yonder"
"The distance where friend Hughes is,
"And that Radiger, they say,
"Can pass him, if he chooses.
"There's Murray, taking fences too,
"Oh! did you see that last one?
"Prevost, there's no denying it,
"This Montreal club's a fast one."

Cho.—Tow row, etc.,

Thus at Lachine, in tearing time,
The leaders three arrived,
The rest close following, tumble in

Meeting some who there had drived.
Oh shame on them with snow shoe men,
They should claim no relation ;
But when the dinner was announced,
They seemed to take good station.

Cho.—Tow row, etc.,

Some to denounce we do demur,
You see they're all good fellows
But though to drive they do prefer,
They do not lack for bellows.
If they would walk as they could talk,
They'd be in all perfection ;
The fastest travellers ever known
I will say without exception.

Cho.—Tow row, etc.,

Then on that day, with Tandem sleigh,
Drove out our good friend Whitehead,
When he appeared, the club all cheered,
Oh, they were much delighted.
For he had horses good and true,
As ever worked in traces ;
He drove back to town, a glorious few,
And amongst them some hard cases.

Cho.—Tow row, etc.,

But time is up, they start for town,
The running men are leading
Whitehead's whip is going now,
The horses shew their breeding.
For three long miles they headed us,
But you see it would not last them—
And before we reached the Tanneries,
The runners fairly passed them.

Cho.—Tow row, etc.,

But their load was heavy you may judge,
And the club should thank friend Whitehead,

For though he drives out often
'Tis to see that all is righted.
He picks up all the stragglers,
It is a charity to carry them,
'Twould be a greater charity,
If some fair maid would marry them.

Cho.—Tow row, etc.,

But here we are again, boys,
The club is always ready,
To follow the "ancient" President
Who keeps it up so steady.
And in our glorious exercise,
We all should be good men and true;
It is proper we should sometimes show,
What the "Montreal" snow shoe club can do.

Cho.—Tow row, etc,,

Now listen boys of "Montreal"
Do all the walking that you can,
And remember whether short or tall,
The mind's the standard of the man.
And reason strong proclaims my song,
In body sound you're sure to find,
A cheerful charity abound,
And multitude of feelings kind.

Cho.—Tow row, etc.,

SEASON 1862-1863.

The Annual Meeting took place at Dolly's on Monday evening 8th December 1862, when the following gentlemen were elected officers for the season.

N. H. HUGHES, *President.*
W. H. RINTOUL, *1st Vice-President.*
W. H. WOODS, *2nd Vice-President.*
W. G. MURRAY, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

COMMITTEE.

L. LABELLE, H. E. MURRAY,
THOS. TAYLOR.

After some preliminary business it was moved by R. H. Stephens, seconded by W. H. Rintoul :—

"That the balance at the credit of the club in the Savings "Bank department of the Bank of Montreal, amounting to "sixty dollars, be presented to the Lancashire Relief Fund." Carried unanimously.

TRAMPS, etc.,

The average attendance at the tramps increased slightly this season, it being about 17. The first one took place on January 17th 1863, the day was fine, but snow was light and scarce, club crossed the mountain to Moore's and returned to town by Cote St. Antoine.

On February 21st. tramped to Lachine, only 10 being present, dined at Laflamme's. Another tramp took place to Lachine on March 21st, instead of the supplementary races in conjunction with that for General Williams' cup (which were to have taken place that day) having been postponed. Twenty-five were present, they returned by way of the road, a thaw accompanied with rain having set in.

March 21st, was appointed for races in connection with General Williams cup race, but the unfavorable state of the weather prevented them coming off.

The club walked to Lachine, 25 were present, dined at Laflamme's. In the meantime rain having set in the snow shoers were well drenched before getting home.

PRESIDENT'S DINNER.

Took place on the 24th January, a thaw which completely obliterated all trace of snow compelled the members, headed by the President to tramp round the mountain by Cote St. Catherine Road to Moore's where they partook of an excellent dinner, with all the etceteras. About 10 o'clock the party "broke up," all delighted as usual with everything in connection with the "spread."

"AURORA" RACES.

Took place on the 7th March 1863, on the Montreal Cricket field.

The open mile was won by Radiger, and the Volunteer mile by H. S. Macdougall of "ours."

Three mile Indian race, ($20) Lefevre, first in 21 m. 58 sec. Takarhonte, second.

150 yards Hurdle, (belt) T. G. Cullen, (A.) defeating E. A. Whitehead, (M.) and four others.

½ mile boys, (snow shoes) George Dougall, won from a field of seven, in 3 m. 43 sec.

Two mile club cup race, won by J. McIntyre, from a field of five in 13 m. 50 sec.

200 yards dash, heats, (medal) T. G. Cullen, (A.) from a field of six including E. A. Whitehead, (M.)

One mile open, (silver medal) won by Chas. W. Radiger, (M) from a field of 4 including 3 indians, Ignace, Lefevre, and Martin, in 6 m. 8 sec.

One mile, Garrison, won by Grantham (47th) ($10) Eton (S.F.G.) ($4.00) Burns (R.E.) ($2.00) time. 7 m. 45 sec. Run in Military snow shoes, as were all the Garrison races.

One mile, Volunteer race, (prize, Rifle) won by Lieut. H. St. Clair MacDougall, V. V. Rifles (M.) from a field of 5.

GENERAL LORD PAULET'S "CUP" RACE.

On March 15th 1863, the great contest took place for the "Cup" presented to the "Aurora" club by Major General Lord Paulet, commanding the Brigade of Guards

Stewards were Gen. Williams, Lord Paulet, Colonel Dyde and officers of Militia, Col. Stevenson S.F.G., Capt. Moncrieffe, S.F.G., Capt. Earle, A.D.C., Colonels C. Whitney, and Osborne Smith.

General Williams, owing to absence in Quebec was not present. The weather was very pleasant and attendance good.

THE BOYS' HALF-MILE.

(snow shoes) was won by "Nellie" Vosburg, in 3m. 5 sec.

150 YARDS HURDLE RACE.

was won by T. G. Cullen (A.) in 16 sec. The first heat was so closely contested that it was decided to run another, when "Abby" Brown (M.) who was

even with Cullen, fell at the last hurdle and Cullen won in 16 sec.

HALF MILE, GARRISON.

was won by Jos. Riley. D. White, second, P. Lynch, third, all 47th men.

150 YARDS DASH.

(silver medal) was won by by John Rodgers (M) in 18 and 17 sec.

THE GREAT "CUP" RACE.

was then in order and now was felt the truth of the poet's dictum "when Greek meets Greek" etc,. "It was well known that the *entrants* for this race were the choice of the Knights of the snow shoe, all of them renowned for speed and bottom and each and all the winners of many well contested races, the trophies of which they kept with pride and were anxious to add to them yet another, the last but not by any means the least. Nor were there other motives to emulation wanting. It was well though tacitly understood that this was virtually a contest between the "Montreal" and "Aurora" clubs and the best men of each were ready to champion their respective and highly honourable names. It was however open to all amateur snow shoers, and to the Military, the distance four miles.

The prestige of the men who were known as intending competitors deterred many an unworthy rival from entering the lists, which at starting held the following names ; Chas. Broster, R. Greig, Miller, Dixon, Tate, T. Edgar, Jas. Roy, George Massey, and Grey, of the "Aurora" and Frank Dowd, Chas. W. Radiger and Hartland MacDougall of the "Montreal." After standing for a few moments like hounds on the leash, the word was given and they started in beautiful style, Grey leading, keeping it up the first mile, (7m. 22 sec.) MacDougall second, Broster led the second mile in 8 m. 5 sec. Grey second, Dowd gave up, Broster led the third mile in 8 m. 12 sec. Tate, Radiger, MacDougall, the latter fell just passing the winning post. The competitors were getting smaller by degrees and beautifully less and predictions were freely hazarded and some bets taken as to whom the destinies had awarded the "cup" and what was more, who should be the successful vindicator of the honour of the respective clubs. The men did well but it "is not in mortals to command success" and the relative positions were slightly changed at the end of the seventh half mile being thus; Tate, Broster, MacDougall, Radiger. The first two men were of the "Aurora," so the Dawn was by no means overcast. MacDougall a deservedly favorite runner,—

but who was woefully out of trim, having been persuaded at the last moment to compete for the honour of the "old club,"—fell off considerably at this time and was unable to make up the lost leeway.

Tate won the race in 30 m. 49 sec. Broster second, MacDougall third, Radiger fourth. The last mile was run in 7 m. 10 sec.

The winner was called to the stand and the "cup" presented by Lord Paulet, amid the enthusiastic cheers of the "Aurora" men and other friends. This is the first great victory credited to our rivals on the race track. The defeat of two such men as McDougall and Radiger being a victory worth recording.

ANNUAL RACES.

Took place on Saturday afternoon the 4th March, on the Cricket ground, traditional club weather greeted the advent of the race-day. A cutting wind swept the course, still the interest taken in the "old club" whose record blazes with victories won and trophies held by members, who have wrested them from the most noted aborigines, served to gather together a large crowd.

Honorary Steward.—Gen. Sir Wm. F. Williams.

Stewards.—Colonels Lysons, C.B., Stephenson, S. F. G., Capt. Earle, A. D. C., Messrs. Henry Thomas, E. M. Hopkins, H. S. MacDougall.

THE INDIAN FOUR MILE RACE,

for ($20) opened the sports, twelve bronzed sons of the soil dashed off at a rattling pace. At the last half mile all but three dropped out, and it was won by "Thomas" in 28 m. 20 sec.

THE HURDLE RACE 150 YARDS,

open, prize, (belt) brought out "Jim" Murray, and Stafford of "ours" and E. Irwin and T. G. Cullen of the "Aurora," after a splendid race Murray won, Irwin, second.

ONE MILE RACE,

open, (silver medal) proved to be *the* race of the day, on account of the presence of an Indian named Tachitacka, who had won laurels in England and America, and was brought out specially to conquer all white opponents. He was a tall wiry-muscled specimen of his race, and the hopes of the weak-hearted fell below zero, when he took up his station along side the squarely built youth, on whom the hopes of our club rested. The word "go" was given and the Indian dashed off with the lead at a gait terrific to behold, at the end of the half mile, he had a long lead, when Radiger gathering himself together executed one of his never to be forgotten "rushes" on the home stretch, ranged along side the aborigine, attempted to pass, ran locked for quite

a long way, and, finally proving too strong for the Indian, passed him, winning by five yards in the fastest time on record (6 m. 2 sec.) amidst the wildest enthusiasm.

HALF MILE BOYS.

(snow shoes) this brought out 17 ambitious youths, who were going to do their level best for half a mile. In this race your humble compiler made his *debut* and succeeded in getting three quarters of the way round, when that friend of played out humanity and inglorious defeat, "the stitch" came to his aid and forced him to relinquish his slim chances. The race was won by Thomas Moore, son of the club house proprietor.

150 YARDS DASH,

heats, (silver medal) 13 entries, first heat was won by Murray, (M.) second heat was awarded to Irwin, (A.) who managed to get his breast in ahead of Murray. The judgment was not appreciated by the crowd, who by its crowding around the winning post, prevented the judges from attending properly to their duties. The third heat lay between Cullen and Irwin, both Aurora, Irwin won by a very short head. This was Murray's first defeat.

GARRISON ONE MILE,

12 entries, private Eaton, (S. F. G.) first, Private Blackwell, (G. G.) second.

TWO MILE CLUB CUP,

6 started, C. Fisher won in 14 m. 32 sec. defeating A. Stewart, R. M. Barnard, George Matthews, Herron and Fraser.

HALF MILE DASH,

open, ($5.00) won by C. W. Radiger, (M.) from a field of 14 in 3 m. 2 sec. W. L. Maltby, (A.) 2nd ; three Indians, Tacahonte, Lefevre and Martin, competed.

Prizes were distributed by General Williams, after race..

The Annual dinner took place in the evening at Dolly's.

DINNER TO PRESIDENT.

Was given at Moore's on the 28th March, about 30 members being present. The good things were soon disposed of and all returned happy as possible to town about 11 o'clock.

61 names on the roll of members.

The following songs were very popular during this season.

"IN THE DAYS WHEN WE WENT SNOW SHOEING."

In the days when we went snow shoeing A long time ago,
Lamothes, Lamontagne, Colthurst and a few more that could go.
'Twas not perhaps the distance, but the pace was hard to stand;

As rushing on we went a glorious little band.
Our hearts were light, our shoes all right, the travelling
was'nt slow,
In the days when we went snow shoeing, a long time ago.

Those days are past, still as they last each season brings
its joys,
The snow shoes on again I feel, a boy among the boys.
The heart 'tis said does not grow old as snow shoers never can.
And tho' at heart a boy he feels, he's none the less a man,
He'll bravely beat his path through life tho' stormy winds
may blow,
As we did when we went Snow shoeing, a long time ago.

Now many other clubs are formed, are forming for the field,
We took it first, we'll keep it boys to none of them we'll yield,
They'll find us always ready, this club of Montreal
Must stand, as it has ever stood, the foremost of them all!
We love them well as snow shoers, we love them well
they know,
But we went out a snow shoeing, a long time ago.

Without some training, all may tell how little can be done,
We've not so soon forgotten one famous five mile run.
Loud boasting words will not avail remember every man,
These other clubs will beat us, will beat us if they can,
But e're that dismal day is known there's one man shall lie low,
And he went out a snow shoeing, a long time ago.

To win the prize, not only speed, but honour bright and true
Should be the snow shoer's leading star and ever kept in view.
His honour always stainless, his name upon the prize,
The world may see, and he may show to other bright,
bright eyes,
Just think of it ye snow shoers, out on the pure white snow,
And you'll ne'er regret your snow shoeing of a long time ago.

Then at each meet the snow shoers' fleet, loud sing
"God save the Queen"
In this her reign of glory what wonders we have seen:
Our mighty bridge of Canada now spans St. Lawrence tide,

Well is it named "Victoria," our honour and our pride.
More lasting monument of worth, no other land can show,
It was tho't of first out snow shoeing a long time ago.

Now cheer ye snow shoers good and true, the world however cold,
Its bitter blast can never reach your glowing hearts so bold.
And when old time in changing voice, says we may run no more,
We'll tell of what we once could do and what was done of yore.
The boys will listen to the tale, their brave young hearts will glow,
To be men like those old snow shoers, of a long time ago.

Song to celebrate Annual Races of the club when some of our runners, won the open races against heavy odds. Composed by Geo. Parys, Esq.

"TRAVEL FAST."

(AIR "CAMP DOWN RACES.")

Montreal Snow Shoe Club in '63,
Travel fast, travel fast.
Got up Races worth going to see,
Travel fast and win.

Grand Stand filled with ladies fair,
Travel fast, travel fast.
Indians, soldiers, all were there,
Travel fast and win.

Look out for your laurels now, old Club,
You've never been beat.
Your opponents say they're prepared to-day
To run you off your feet.

For the four mile, Indians clear the track,
Off they rush in a very large pack.
There led by the son of an ugly squaw

Who comes in winner, his name's Thomas.
An "Aurora" who makes *fast time*,
This race was to have won.
As decreed by Fate, he came too late,
And so he didn't run.

Now comes the start for the Hurdle Race,
Away go the runners at a tearing pace.
Stiff hurdles for snow shoes (four feet high)
None but the thorough-breds over them fly.
The crowd have all broke down,
There are only two come in.
The first is Murray of the Montreal club,
The second's name is Irwin.

For the "one mile Race" the "Bell" now rings,
Redskin and white man forward springs,
"Big Indian" leads at a terrible pace,
Close at his heels, a little "pale face,"
"Big Indian" puts on steam, until he's ready to burst,
But he can't beat the "child" of the Montreal Club,
And Radiger comes in first.

For the half mile race the "boys" now start,
The greater part looked pretty smart,
Twenty or thirty tear along,
The leader seems both stout and strong.
The race is won by a boy
Most snow shoers know well,
He's the son of the famous Dominick Moo[illegible].
Of the Snow Shoe Club Hotel.

Here's the 150 yards in heats,
He'll have to go like the wind, who beats.
The signal's given, away they fly.
Like a flock of snow birds thro' the sky.
They're all of the antelope breed,
They all can travel fast,
The first is Murray of the hurdle race,
He never yet came last.

The same crowd start for heat number two,
Each man runs like a kangaroo,
Murray and Irwin came in "dead heat"
Short sighted judge, says Murray's beat.
All say in heat number "three,"
That Irwin and Cullen are *tie*,
The Judge says Irwin's nose is ahead,
So to that race good bye.

For the Garrison Race of half a mile,
There are what the Yankees call a "pile."
The start is given, away they go,
Plunging headlong in the snow.
The winner of that race, alas!
I forget his name,
Is a soldier who, in the "Crimean war"
Proved that he was game.

Now "two mile" racers for the Club cup,
To the starting post the "young eagles" rush up,
Away they go at a pretty fast trot,
Keeping putting on steam till the pace gets "hot."
Young Stewart leads the race,
Oh, he can travel fast,
But just as the goal he's about to reach,
Fisher rushes past.

For the last race, the "half mile dash" prepare,
Indians and white men in hordes are there.
So many start, they block up the track,
But there's a little game cock they can't keep back.
There's an Indian racing "star"
Whose chief says "he'll win sure,"
But Radiger rushes in front of all,
And wins as he did before.

SEASON 1863 and 1864.

The annual Meeting took place at Dolly's on the 8th December 1863, prospects seemed bright for

ensuing season and altogether a lively interest was manifested. 17 new members were proposed among whom were Messrs. C. Peers Davidson, Frank Johnson and George Massey, in later years well-known on the race track.

Following gentlemen were elected office bearers:

ROMEO H. STEPHENS, *President.*
N. H. HUGHES, *1st Vice President.*
W. H. WOODS, *2nd Vice President.*
W. G. MURRAY, *Sec-Treasurer.*

COMMITTEE.

C. W. RADCLER. H. E. MURRAY.
L. LABELLE. JAS. MCCULLOCH,

TRAMPS, etc.,

First tramp took place on 6th January 1864 from head of Union Avenue, nine members crossed the mountain to Moore's.

On Wednesday evening 20th, 23 Members, crossed to club house. At this meeting, Mr. Hughes informed the members that Fred. Matthews Esq, had kindly presented a "Cup" to be run for, the winner of the greatest number of Races in six named to receive the "prize" Dash 100 yds. Hurdles, Half mile, Mile, Two miles, and Four mile walk.

On 23rd January 15 members walked to St. Johns and were joined there by as many more who went by train and sleighs. The whole party returned by train, a heavy rain preventing the use of snow shoes.

The following song is supposed to relate the incidents of this tramp.

TRAMP TO ST. JOHNS.

The famed tramp one year to St. Johns
Is subject of a song,
How many members started
And some found the road too long;
But they were bound to get there,
Though stormy winds did blow
Especially for the last few miles,
So terrible to go.

The start from town was pretty,
The snow shone bright and clear
It really seemed a pity,
That so fine a time of year
All the club had not turned out;
'Twas tho't that they could do it
But many ere they reached St. Johns
Decidedly did rue it.

The club true to their leader
To follow him did try;
And why went he so fast that day
All knew the reason why,
He was bound to make good time
And see what the club could do;
And the way some of them travelled
Was a credit to that few.

Stewart, Davidson and Castle
The heroes of the day,
May proudly tell in days to come
When they've grown old and gray;
How at half-past one they left the town,
And got to Lacadie,
A quarter hour before the train
That left Montreal at three.

This little band of leaders too,
Went a hunting on the way,
And a valuable muskrat
They very soon did slay.
The gallant rat had found the pace
Too hard for him to stand ;
He died bravely fighting hunters
Upon the snowy strand.

But darkness now is coming on,
The winds do loudly roar ;
Said Stewart to old Hughes "don't go so fast"
"I cannot run any more"
Said Davidson "I've got the cramps,"
"The snow is all in piles"
Said Castle, we must soon be there,
"We've run just twenty miles."

Now lights at old St. Johns we see
And soon we do arrive ;
Some men are here before us,
Brave men who always drive
For the honour of the club,
They stand up bright and true
But the walking don't agree with them
It is not what they can do.

Now of the crowd so far behind
On that eventful day,
Some stopped to take refreshments,
And many took a sleigh ;
But Radiger in charge of them
They safely reached St. Johns,
With that especial appetite
That to snow shoers belongs

Then after supper, dance and song
The Hotel does surprise,
The people of the quiet town
Can scarce believe their eyes

Said they "these men on snow shoes"
Have come from Montreal,
And instead of going to their beds
They're going to have a dance.

Now here's to the old club, my boys
It always is the same,
Its members ever ready
To support its name and fame;
Among us we can always find,
Some runner bold who can
Out-travel any other club,
Or any other man.

PRESIDENT'S DINNER.

took place at Moore's on the 6th February a large number was present, and everything passed off to the satisfaction of all concerned.

ANNUAL RACES.

took place on 20th February on the Montreal Cricket field. The weather was beautifully clear and bright, although a little cold with a strong breeze blowing, the attendance was large and highly respectable, the larger half of the grand stand being occupied by Ladies.

The judges' stand was occupied by General Williams, Col. Dyde and Jno. Penner Esq.

The course was thronged with spectators on foot and in sleighs.

FOUR MILE INDIAN RACE,

($20) seven Indians and one white, W. L. Maltby,

(A.) competed, Maltby when running second drew out at third mile, Joseph Lefevre won in 28 m. Michel second.

100 YARDS HURDLE RACE,

(belt) was won by H. E. Murray, (M.) Frank Johnson second.

ONE MILE,

(silver medal) 5 entries, John McEntyre, (A)won an Indian being second.

BOYS HALF MILE,

(snow shoes) was won by John Watson.

100 YARDS DASH,

(silver medal) won by E. Irwin, (A) Frank Johnson, (M) second.

GARRISON HALF MILE,

first prize ($6.00) won by private Eaton, second ($4.00) by private Firth, third ($2.00) by McGroggins, all of the Scots Fusilier Guards.

TWO MILE CLUB CUP RACE,

won by George Massey, in 14 m. 5 sec. Barnard second, Frank Johnson, third.

OPEN MILE,

for ($5.00) won by Chas. W. Radiger, (M.)

The following "pleasaunte legende," is from the pen of an old member (W. G. S.) and was contributed to our collection by Mr. George Sully.

"A PLEASAUNTE LEGENDE OF YE SHRINE OF OUR LADYE OF YE HILLE OF SNOWES."

A Saint whose name is much revered
'Twas Saint Alphonso Liguori,
His pious course one day had steered
Toward a shrine unfamed in story,
Yet not unworthy such a glory,
I mean our Ladye of the Hill of Snowes;
A shrine that just before your nose
When from the mountain downward West,
You turn to seek where beer is best.
Alack! the Saint had well nigh fainted,
Having travelled all the day,
Twixt Heaven and here 'tis far they say;
So entering a goodly inn
(Where I myself have often been,)
He called for bread and beer and cheese,
Wayfarer's and now how good are these,
When after tramping on for half a day,
At quiet inns they make a two hour's stay.
The Saint sat in a rocking chair,
Resting a stout and handsome pair
Of limbs, upon another chair.
And when the beer came in, and he
Had drank about enough for three,
And eaten eke the bread and cheese

And on the whole felt quite at ease,
He to himself began to think
How much will cost me, all this drink ;
And felt perplexed and deucedly vexed
That he'd so very little left,
Of what the pious call "vile dross."
Though if they've none, they feel the loss
So sorely, that they use their craft,
And all their hypocritic wiles,
To make themselves up goodly piles.
Our Saint, put out his head at door
And called the landlord, Dominick Moore,
As good a fellow by my word,
As ever didn't draw a sword.
To whom the Saint when he came in
"How much my friend o'th root of sin,"
"Dost charge for all that I've tucked in?"
"Quoth Dominick, Sir" 'tis fifteen pence
"What! fifteen pence for this immense"
"Amount of bread and beer and cheese?"
I'm Saint Alphonso Liguori."
Down Dominick Moore went on his knees,
"Witness around my head the glory"
"And take a Saint's word Dominick dear"
"All jolly Saints who love good beer,
"I'll tell of your accommodation,"
"And of your cheap and good collation"
"A friend of mine too I'll inspire,"
"Who hath a jolly poet's lyre."
"In his most sprightly verses to indite this story,"
"How well you treated Saint Alphonso Liguori."

"GRAND TRUNK" CLUB.

This Club, a private organization, held races at different times, but was not a regularly constituted club. We give particulars of those which were held at Point St. Charles on March 10th 1863.

We include as far as possible the meetings of all city clubs, so as to complete the Record of Runners who subsequently joined our club and others of more recent date.

One mile, club race, Mackrill ($10.) R. M. Roy ($5.)
Half mile, Apprentices only, Robt. Stenhouse.
One hundred yards dash, heats, McCulloch.
Half mile, Mackrill, (1) J. Taylor, (2.)
Hurdle Race, R. M. Roy, (1) C. O. Barker, (2.)
Quarter mile Consolation, Townsend.
Half mile, hurdle, Mechanics, only, McDougall ($10.) Irvine (2) Cranshaw, (3.)
Half mile, scratch race, R. M. Roy.

"GRAND TRUNK" CLUB.

The Races of the above club took place at Point St. Charles, on February 20th 1864, and were as follows:

Two miles, open, won by W. L. Maltby, (M.) $20. Thomas, ($10.)
One mile, (club) J. Telfer, ($10.) J. Harder, ($6.)
Half mile, Boys (club,) F. Palmer, ($5,) A. Moffatt, ($3.)
One hundred yards dash, heats, (club,) R. M. Roy, ($10.)

Half mile, (club,) J. Harder, ($10.) W. G. Mackrill, (2) Telfer was thrown down, but in consideration of his chances was awarded a prize.

Hurdle race, (club,) R. M. Roy, ($6.) W. Townsend, ($4.)

Half mile, Consolation, J. Taylor, ($8.) J. W. Greglistine, ($6.) A. Dougall, ($3.)

Half mile, garrison,—Firth, ($10.) Groggins, ($5.) Blackwell ($3.)

After the above programme was gone through, some matches were run off, the winners were as follows.

Half mile, J. Harder, ($18.) W. G. Mackrill, ($10.) J. Telfer, ($5.)

One mile, Frank Johnson, (M.) $20. J. McEntyre, ($10.) P. W. McEntyre, ($5.)

Half mile, garrison, Williams, ($5.) Blackwell, ($3.)

"AURORA" CLUB.

For the benefit of those Readers who may wish to preserve the record of this club's races we think it well to insert here, meetings which took place some years since and which have not been inserted in their season.

FOUR MILE WALK,

Club race for a gold medal, was competed for on the Cricket field on the 9th February, 1861. The day was very cold, and the track heavy, Charles Broster won in 39¼ m. defeating James Gray, McEntyre, Jno. Knox, Kemp, F. Edgar, and Church.

FOUR MILE WALK,

club race, gold medal was won by J. D. Gray, in 41 m. 22 sec. defeating C. Broster, A. McGinnis, W. Gordon, J. Gray, A. Cassils and James Roy. Competition took place upon the Cricket field on February 15th, 1862.

FOUR MILE WALK.

club race, gold medal took place on the 14th February, 1863, and was won in one hour and 18½ m. by E. Irwin, who came in third, but was awarded the medal, W. L. Maltby and Wm. Hume, first and second, having been disqualified for foul walking. Other competitors were W. E. Isaacson, Jas. D. Gray, A. G. Demers.

THREE MILE RUNNING RACE.

The above race, took place on the 13th February 1864, and was open only to members; prize gold medal, which was originally intended as the prize for the winner of the "walk" of 1861-62-'63, but as no gentleman won the "walk" two years in succession, the medal was competed for in the above three mile running race.

The track was very heavy, the snow being in heavy drifts, five started, Wm. L. Maltby forced the pace and ran his men off their feet at end of first mile in 6 m. 52 sec. second mile, 8 m. 7s. third mile, 8 m. 12 sec. Total 23 m. 10.

LORD PAULET'S "CUP" RACE.

On March 12th 1863, the Supplementary Races of the "Aurora" Snow Shoe Club, took place upon the Cricket ground. The day was fine and the

course was thronged with spectators. The Races were under the patronage of Major General Lord Paulet, and officers of the Brigade of Guards.

The first race was the

HALF MILE STEEPLE CHASE,

over 8 hurdles, 3 feet high, six competitors started. The Race was won by E. Irwin, (A.) but on a protest being made the Judges decided that it had been unfairly run, and was contested again when J. G. Cullen (A.) won the prize, a handsome silver cup presented by the President. Time 3 m. 17 sec.

150 YARDS DASH, GREEN,

was won by Fred Tetu, from a field of seven in 19 and 20 s.

LORD PAULET'S CUP,

four miles, open to all clubs in the Province. There were only two competitors, J. Taylor and Richard Tate, both members of "Aurora".

At the end of the second mile Taylor abandoned the race, which was won by R. Tate in 28 m. 52 sec.

After the prizes were awarded to the successful competitors, the proceedings were terminated with three cheers for the Queen, Lord Paulet,—who was represented by Capt. Earle, and for others whom space will not permit of mentioning but evidently to the satisfaction of the multitude.

"AURORA" CLUB.

Annual Races took place upon the Cricket field on March 5th 1864, under the patronage of the

Hon. Jas. Lindsay, and officers of the Brigade of Guards. The weather was fine and there was a large attendance.

Four mile race, open, Eight Indians and R. Tate entered. Thomas, ($10.) won in 30 m. 7 sec. Lefebvre, ($6.) Martin, ($4.) Tate was fourth.

150 yards hurdle, open, in heats, silver medal, won by E. Irwin (A.) J. G. Cullen (A.) Wm. Carson. (3) 7 competed.

One mile, open, silver star, Chas. W. Radiger (M.) 6m. 31s. J. McEntyre (A.) 7 entries.

Boys half mile, (belt,) J. A. Stevenson, (1) G. W. Major, (2) Jno. Alexander, (3) time 3 m. 47 sec. 16 competitors.

150 yards dash, heats, silver medal, E. Irwin (A.) F. Johnson (M.) 2nd J. G. Stenhouse, 3rd time 16½ sec. each Eight entries.

Club cup, two miles, won by W. L. Maltby, in 13 m. 53 s. J. Pridham, (2) three entries.

One mile, garrison, Blackwood, G. G. ($6.) Groome, ($4.) S. F. G., Groggins, ($2.) S. F. G., time 8 m. 20 sec. 18 competitors.

Half mile steeple chase, open, over 4 fences, silver medal, J. G. Cullen, (A,) 1 J. McEntyre, (A.) 2, E. Irwin, (A.) 3, eight competed.

Prizes were presented by Major General Lindsay, at the close of the proceedings.

GENERAL WILLIAMS "CUP" RACE.

This "cup" was presented last season by General Williams, but on account of the continued bad

weather, was not competed for. The race for its possession took place on the 16th March 1864.

The day was very cold, yet quite a large number of people attended, the officers of the Garrison being present in large numbers.

Stewards.—Lieut. General Sir W. F. Williams, K. C. B., Major Gen. Lindsay, Colonels Lysons, C. B., Stephenson, C. B., S. F. G., and the officers of the club.

GARRISON HALF MILE.

Groome, ($4.00) Firth, ($3.00) Groggin, ($2.00) all of the S. F. G.

120 YARDS GREEN HURDLE RACE.

(belt) Frank Johnson (M) first, F. Curran, second J. Cunningham third.

100 YARDS HEATS,

Garrison race, Firth, ($5.00) Groome, ($3.00) Groggin, ($2.00) all of the S. F. G.

Then came the great race of the day, the two miles for

THE GENERAL'S "CUP."

The following gentlemen toed the scratch: C. W. Radiger, Frank Johnson, G. Massey, of "Montreal," W. L. Maltby, John McEntyre, C. Fisher, and C. Irvine, of "Aurora" and other clubs.

Johnson led the first half mile in 3 minutes, Massey the second half in 3m. 12sec., when W. L. Maltby dropped out. Chas. Radiger led the third half in 3m. 23sec. The same gentleman won the race in 12m. 55 sec. McEntyre, 2nd. Fisher, 3rd.

General Williams presented Mr. Radiger with the "Cup" accompanying it with a few words of congratulation.

The cup was a substantial piece of plate of a neat design, with two figures, one upright and the other kneeling, in snow shoe racing costume.

SEASON 1864 and 1865.

The Annual Meeting was held in "Dolly's" on the 10th December 1864, when 19 members were present. The following gentlemen were elected office bearers for the season.

R. H. Stephens, *President.*
N. H. Hughes, *1st Vice-President.*
L. Labelle, *2nd Vice-President.*
C. Peers Davidson, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

Committee.

Thomas Coffin,	Wm. Donald.
George Wainwright,	W. H. Rintoul.

TRAMPS.

The tramps were poorly attended and little interest

was manifested in club matters. First tramp, took place on the 14th December to Moore's,

Among the members admitted this year we may mention Messrs Charles Bouthillier, Richard Tate and Alexander M. Davidson.

MATTHEW'S CUP.

On the 4th of Febuary 1865, the mile and half mile Races, and on 18th of the same month, the two mile race being part of those required to win the cup presented by Fred Matthews, Esq., were run for and won by Richard Tate, to whom the Cup was presented. This last race was run on a very heavy track, with strong head wind in 15 m. 10 sec.

"HIGH SCHOOL" CLUB.

Annual Races took place upon the Cricket field, on March 10th 1865, when there was a large attendance of the friends and parents of the competitors. The races were private and only open to members of the School.

Two miles, for a silver cup, won by George W. Major, W. Egan second, (silver medal,) Sam. C. Stevenson third, time 16 m. 3 sec.

100 yards, hurdle race, over 3 hurdles, prize, a belt, was won by Stanley Mitchell, in 17 and 18 sec. defeating W. F. Torrance and A. Jaques.

Boys half mile, under 12 years, for a pair of snow shoes, was won by Roy in 3 m. 40 sec. Clare second, Mitchell third.

100 yards dash, heats, silver medal, won by W. F. Torrance in 14 and 15 sec.

One mile, gold breast pin, won by George W. Major, in 7 m. 23 sec. Sam. C. Stevenson, (silver medal) second.

Cadet Race, open only to High School Cadets, J. A. Stevenson, (gold breast pin) won in 3 m. 20 sec. W. Honey, Thomas Brown.

Consolation half mile, F. C. Smithers, ($5.) R. W. Conroy, ($3.) F. McNab, ($2.)

"AURORA" CLUB.

Annual Races took place in the Victoria Gardens on March 11th 1865. There was a large attendance in spite of the coldness of the weather. Among those present were his Excellency the Governor General and Major General Hon. James Lindsay, The sports opened with the

Two miles, Indian race, open to all, won by Thomas, ($10.) in 12 m. 38 sec. W. L. Maltby (A.) $6. in 13 m. 7 sec. J. McEntyre, ($3.) third.

150 yards, hurdle, open, for a gold medal, won by E. Irwin (A.) in 19 and 20 sec.

Half mile, Garrison, won by Jones, 60th R., ($6.) Cullen, 60th ($4.)

Club cup. two miles, won by J. P Cox, in 13 m. 57 sec. J. Pridham.

100 yards dash, won by E. Irwin (A.)

One mile open, won by J. McEntyre (A.)
100 yards dash, Garrison, won by Burrell, of 30th.

ANNUAL RACES.

On the 16th March 1865 a special meeting was held in Dolly's when the President announced "that the meeting was called to consider a proposition made by the committee, "that the usual Annual and Public Races should be this year dispensed with and that in their stead the club should have private races, consisting of a two, one and half mile races, together with a dash of 100 yards; he further announced that the Committee feel themselves compelled to advise this unusual measure from the apathy that members had displayed in training and that consequently we could put forward no men, who could with any chance of success hope to compete with those of other clubs who had been preparing throughout the whole winter."

This proposition produced the greatest excitement among the members, who although bound to uphold the honour of the club, felt as though they were elevating the "white feather" in thus debarring from competition, members of rival clubs. However the motion was carried and the private Races took place in Bronsdon's Garden.

The following which we glean from the Annual Report offers as before quoted some excuse for the postponement of the Annual Races.

"Their efforts to secure large meetings and to infuse an active interest in the well being of the club met they regret to say with but little practical encouragement, other amusements and sports usurped much of the enthusiasm that members in former years were wont to display in the exercises to which our club is devoted, as a consequence the spring found us totally unprepared to carry out the Annual Races etc."

PRIVATE RACES.

The private Races took place on the 18th March 1865, in the Victoria Gardens. The track was very heavy, the snow laying in drifts across the course.

The club cup, two miles, won by Alex. M. Davidson, in about 16 m.

The half mile, was won by James Foster, in 3½ m. R. Tate second, close up.

100 yards dash, was won by C. Peers Davidson.

SEASON 1865 and 1866.

The Annual General Meeting of the Club took place at Dolly's on the evening of the 19th. Decem-

ber 1865, when ten members were present. After reading the Annual report which was the most unfavorable on record, the following gentlemen were elected to act as office-bearers, during the season.

ROMEO H. STEPHENS, *President.*
NICHOLAS H. HUGHES, *1st Vice-President.*
W. H. RINTOUL, *2nd Vice-President.*
C. PEERS DAVIDSON, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

Committee.

FRED. MATHEWS,	S. STEPHENS.
G. ROSS,	J. GORDON.

TRAMPS.

There were 38 names on the Roll of members. Among the names added to it were those of Messrs. John Telfer, and Wm. L. Maltby.

The musters were small, the average attendance was ten. Volunteering and the Skating Rink proving powerful rivals. In many instances the musters of the Club were postponed in order to allow the members to attend the drill of the Victoria Rifles etc.

First tramp, took place upon 24th January 1866, to the Club-house Cote des Neiges.

Tramp to St. Laurent, five present.

At a tramp to the Club house, on February 19th. Fred Matthews, Esq., presented a Cup, to be run for at the Annual Races.

ANNUAL RACES.

Took place in the Victoria Gardens on Saturday the 3rd, March 1866. The weather was raw and foggy during the morning but towards the after noon it cleared up beautifully, bringing the ladies in large numbers to witness their "pet" sport. The track was heavy and the winners of some of the Races developed a rare turn of speed combined with an amount of endurance which was remarkable.

The Hon. Stewards, were :

Lieut. Gen. Sir John Michel, K.C.B.,

Major Gen. the Hon. James Lindsay.

Stewards. Colonel Fane, Messrs. E. T. Taylor, and Fred Matthews.

The first race was the

Indian Two Miles.

for a purse of ten dollars. It was won by Thomas, in 13m. 10 sec. Louis, an Indian lad of 18 years of age, second.

Hurdle Race.

in heats over four hurdles 3½ feet high, open to all prize, a belt, was won by E. Irwin, (A.) who won second and third heats. James Foster, winning first heat. Time 19 sec. 18½ sec.

ONE MILE OPEN,

prize, (silver medal) won by Wm. L. Maltby, (M.) in 6 m. 20 sec. Telfer second. Two Indians competed.

BOYS HALF MILE,

(snow shoes) was won by J. A. Stevenson, in 3 m. 38 sec. James Jackson, second.

100 YARDS DASH OPEN,

in heats, (silver medal) brought out a field of six, The first heat was won by Irwin, (A.) the second and third by C. Peers Davidson. (M.)

GARRISON HALF MILE,

won by John Ryan, R. A. ($6.) Corporal O'Donnell, 25th. Regt ($4) private Lahay, 4th. R. B. ($2.)

CLUB CUP, TWO MILES,

was won from a field of six by P. Macfarlane, in 15 m. 25 sec. defeating F. Palmer, J. Gordon, G. Ross, J. Foster, C. Bouthillier.

HALF MILE OPEN,

prize $5. was won by J. Telfer, in 3 m. 14 sec.

Col. Lyons, in the absence of Gen. Lindsay, distributed the prizes, with a few well chosen remarks, as the lucky competitors stepped forward to receive

them. Three cheers were given for the Winners, Col. Lyons, and the British flag, which the gallant Colonel waved with much enthusiasm.

ANNUAL DINNER.

The Annual dinner took place in the evening at Dolly's when the chair was ably filled by R. H. Stephens, having on his right, Colonel Lyons, A.A.G., The dinner was excellent and as it seems to be a noteworthy one, we cannot do better than give a full account as found in the records.

"The effects of the Racing upon the Snow shoers, and the keen frosty air upon the Visitors tended to create an appetite. Good justice was done to the viands and they were well washed down with sparkling Champagne * * * * The table was soon set in a roar with flashes of merriment,—their minds were free and their tongues were also,—the utmost good humour prevailed.

Amusing anecdotes of the old snow shoers were told, enough for a pamphlet,—good fellows they were while below, and we hope they are now with the good aloft. Many good fellows are left, yearly to perpetuate their memories, men of kindly hearts, and as one of the keenest of the juvenile Snow shoers said of them in his after dinner speech, they had "muscular intellects," of their loyalty there could be no question, when the Chairman proposed the first Toast, Her Majesty the Queen, loud and long were the hip, hip, hurrahs, fervent and long was the "God bless her" and when Hughes,

"Hughes, of Ours," Hughes, the soul of snow shoeing, sung "God save the Queen" the chorus "confound her enemies" made the welkin ring.

The next toast was that of the Governor General, and the hope was freely expressed that he might soon be the Governor General of the Confederated Provinces.

The Chairman gave with great feeling the Army and Navy their deeds were the nation's heritage and any thing he could say would not add another star to their glory, but he was glad to have the opportunity of coupling with the toast, the health of Col. Lyons, who had so kindly given away the prizes, and who had honoured the Club by his presence this evening.

W. L. Maltby, one of the winners of the day sang "the red, white and blue" and proved himself as good a singer as a snow shoer.

Col. Lyons, in response to the toast said that he had never enjoyed more thoroughly a days sport, a sport so entirely novel to him; he was glad to learn that the gallant young fellows around him, decorated with medals, were most of them volunteers and spoke of the value the services of such men would be in case of necessity. Men that could go across country in deep snow and carry a rifle and not only carry it but successfully use it, were invaluable. He said that he should at once go into training, and get as many recruits as possible amongst his *confreres*. He concluded by wishing the Club every success and volunteered a song "The day is gone, the night is ours" which he rendered very effectively.

The rest of the evening was spent very pleasantly with volunteer songs and speeches, and shortly before midnight the company dispersed after singing "God save the Queen."

ERRATA.

On page 109—For "open mile" won by Radiger, read "half-mile," time 3.09.

On page 114—For "four" mile walk, won by Irwin, read "seven" miles. This was Maltby's first race, and his time 76¼ minutes.

ADDITIONS.

On page 112—In two miles Indian race at Grand Trunk Races 10 Indians and 6 Whites competed, time of winner 12.59. The first time Indians had been beaten at this distance.

One mile, club race was won in 7 m.

One hundred yards dash, won in 13½ sec.

On page 113—One mile open, won by Johnson in 7.05.

On page 114—Three mile running race, medal to be held two years.

On page 119—On the 18th February 1865, the second Race for the possession of the Aurora club's Gold Medal for the Champion 3 mile Race, was contested.—There were seven entries, Maltby, (the winner of last year) cut out the pace from the start at a rapid gait so that by the time the one and half mile post had been reached, he was the only competitor, time 10.40—the three miles in 23 minutes—he thus became possessor of the medal.

On page 121—McEntyre's time for one mile 6.27

On page 122—In the private Races of the Club—The one mile was won by R. Tate in 7½ minutes.

SEASON 1866 and 1867.

The Annual Meeting took place at Dolly's on Saturday evening 15th Dec. when twelve members were present. The Annual report was read shewing a deficit in the expenses of $79.05. This it was hoped would be cleared off before another year rolled round, and quite an amount was raised towards this object by members present, Messrs. Stephens and Matthews, leading the van with ten dollars each.

The following gentlemen were elected officers for the season.

N. H. HUGHES, *President.*
F. B. MATTHEWS, *1st Vice-President.*
T. M. COFFIN, *2nd Vice-President.*
J. VAN BUSKIRK, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

Committee.

C. RADIGER, W. L. MALTBY,
J. IRVINE, A. M. DAVIDSON.

TRAMPS.

Among the gentlemen joining this season were Messrs. John Anderson, Angus Grant, Godfrey Pelton and C. Rose. The roll numbered sixty-nine members, nearly double that of last season. The musters were much larger, averaging twenty members; largest muster twenty-four members.

First tramp on January, 22nd 1867, walked by road without shoes to Prendergast's, seven present. On 9th January, 1867, club-house was changed to Corke's, (now occupied by the Ladies of the Sacred Heart Convent,) fourteen were present, and eleven new members elected.

On 12th January, twenty-one members tramped to Lachine, dined at Hanna's, afterwards visited the Skating Rink, returning to town about 10 p.m. Ten new members elected.

"AURORA" CLUB.

This club ceased to exist this season, many of the members joining ours.

ANNUAL RACES.

Took place on the Cricket field on Saturday, 2nd March 1867. The weather was clear and cold, the track in fair condition and the attendance large.

Honorary Stewards.—Lieut. General Sir John Michel K.C.B. Major General Russell, C.B.

Stewards. — Colonels Lyons, C.B., Bell, V.C. (23rd R. W. F.) and Messrs. Henry Starnes, and Alfred Rimner.

The first race on the programme was,

INDIAN TWO MILES,

open to all, prize ($10.) For this five Indians and Telfer entered, Baptiste Daillebout won in 13 m. 38 sec. Telfer second, in 13 m. 53 sec.

ONE MILE,

open to all, (silver medal) was won by P. Newall, defeating in 7m. 5sec. Michel Daillebout, (Indian) J. Weir, Alex. Davidson, (M.) G. W. Major, A. Ogilvie, P. Macfarlane, (M.) A. Moffatt.

HURDLE RACE,

open, over 4 hurdles, two entries, E. A. Whitehead, (M.) and Frank Johnson, (M.) Whitehead won two straight heats in 19 sec. each, Johnson falling in both heats.

BOYS HALF MILE,

for pair of snow shoes, Five boys started, won by A. W. Stevenson, a tall youth who was followed pluckily by a youngster of diminutive size but with an extraordinary stride, which kept him unpleasantly near the side of his elephantine friend. Charley Lindsay was this prodigy's name and though only 12 years of age, gave promise of the wonderful powers which carried him to the front in many races in after years. As a reward for his pluck, he was presented with two dollars.

ONE HUNDRED YARDS DASH, HEATS,

open to all, (silver medal) was won by E. Irwin, C. Peers Davidson, winning first heat.

HALF MILE GARRISON,

brought out ten competitors. T. O. Doherty, (25th) first, ($6.) Jno. Durkin, 11th Hussars, ($4.) McDonald, 25th ($2.)

CLUB CUP, TWO MILES,

brought six to the post. Charles Bouthillier, won the race in 14m. 55sec. F. Palmer second, 15 m. 25 sec. defeating J. Gordon, J. Henderson, J. Davidson.

The races were to have closed with a half mile dash for officers of the Garrison, but as there were no entries, it did not take place.

Colonel Bell, V.C., distributed the prizes.

ANNUAL DINNER.

Took place in the evening at Isaacson's Hotel, No. 67 St. Gabriel Street, which became the successor of "Dollys" the latter having been removed from St. James Street, thus sweeping away one of the links in the past history of the club. The affair passed off pleasantly; among the Guests present was Capt. E. A. Johnson, representing the Ottawa Snow Shoe Club.

SEASON 1867 and 1868.

This season proved to be one of the most enthusiastic in the annals of the club. Large musters at the weekly tramps marked the turn the tide had taken in favour of this most manly of sports. Skating which monopolized the seasons just passed, had lost its charm and its devotees organized Snow Shoe Clubs, which rivalled "Ours" Their members training hard, accepted all the Challenges thrown out by us and the close competition and some few victories gained by their members warned the "old club" to be up and doing, lest the "laurel" would find on a strange brow a new resting place. This feeling nerved our men to renewed exertions and the result was a season of unparalleled successes on the track, which added a bright lustre to the already brilliant record of the club. Among the runners produced this season Keraronwe the Indian stands out the runner *par excellence.* His wonderful speed and powers of endurance so fully demonstrated in his different races, place him far ahead of the best Indian we ever saw upon the track.

ANNUAL MEETING.

At the Annual meeting of the club held on Saturday evening the 2nd December 1867, twenty-three

members were present. After the reading of the Annual Report, which proved satisfactory, shewing a cash balance of $89.10 over and above working Expenses.

Several amendments were made to the Bye-Laws as follows.

"That owing to the increase in the number of members your Committee suggest that the office of Secretary-Treasurer be separate appointments and that the Committee consist of five members instead of four as previously."—Carried.

"On such occasion (referring to tramps) previous to starting, a leader will be named from one of the senior officers present who will retain the lead unless his permission be received to the contrary."—Carried.

The election of office-Bearers for the ensuing season was then proceeded with.

N. H. HUGHES, *President.*
F. B. MATTHEWS, 1st *Vice-President.*
C. P. DAVIDSON, 2nd *Vice-President.*
J. VAN BUSKIRK, *Secretary.*
JOHN IRVINE, *Treasurer.*

Committee.

A. M. DAVIDSON, R. TATE,
H. H. LANGLEY, J. P. COX,
CHAS. BOUTHILLIER.

The Races for the Matthew's cup, were ordered as follows : Dash and half mile, Hurdle and mile race and Two mile race and three different race "meets"

to decide upon the ownership of the elegant prize donated by the gentleman whose name it bears.

There were 67 names proposed and accepted at this meeting, among whom were Messrs. Sam. McDonald, Thomas Ralston, Franc O. Wood, L. J. Skelton, Arthur Simpson, W. Campbell, E. R. Irwin, H. Dean, Frank Bond, Arthur Perkins.

TRAMPS.

The musters were very strong, the average attendance about 35, the largest muster being 50.

There were 123 names on the member's Roll.

The first tramp took place over the mountain to the Bellevue House, on the 11th Dec., 1867. Thirteen were present. Among the new members elected were Messrs. Wm. H. Whyte, Jas. K. Whyte, and Frank Johnson, (re-elected.)

The following resolution was passed. "That no person be eligible for membership being a member of any other Snow Shoe Club."

At a tramp to Thompson's, Cote des Neiges, on the 13th December, at which 32 were present the following Bye-law was repealed.

Moved by N. H. Hughes, seconded by Chas. Radiger. "That owing to the number of candidates for admission the Bye-law confining the number of members to 150 be repealed."

It was also decided to favour Thompson's Hotel with our presence on "tramp nights."

On Saturday 25th January, some of the members tramped to Isle Jesus, where they remained over night returning next morning.

On the first of February, tramped to Lachine, 12 present.

At the weekly tramp held on 15th January 1868, 35 members present, Mr. John Van Buskirk handed in his resignation which was accepted and Mr. John C. Irvine elected in his stead.

On the 22nd February, eight of the members tramped to Chambly, returning next day.

On the evening of the 4th March, twenty tramped to the Club-house. On the Mountain the "Dominion" Club attempted to lead us and a race ensuing our boys gave them their "back wash."

MATTHEW'S CUP.

The first meeting to compete for this Cup took place upon the Montreal Cricket field on the 11th January 1868. The hurdle race was postponed on account of there being only one entry, (E. Irwin.)

The half mile dash followed, the track was very heavy and over virgin snow. Messrs. E. Whitehead, W. L. Maltby and E. Irwin came to the post; C.

W. Radiger was prevented through illness from competing, Whitehead won in 3m, 3½sec. Maltby second in 3 m. 7½ sec.

On Saturday January 19th, the second series of the "Cup" Races took place upon the same track when the one mile and the hurdle race took place. For the first mentioned, Messrs. W. L. Maltby, Harry Dean, and Alex. M. Davidson competed. Maltby cut out the pace from the start and ran his men off their feet before the half mile post was reached (2.58) the mile being run in 6½m. As some bets had been laid that he could not beat 21 minutes for a three mile run, he continued the race doing the one and half miles in 10m. 12sec. two miles in 13 m. 48 sec. but had to pull up with a "stitch" in his side, with last mile to run in 7 m. 21s.

For the hurdle race, only two competed E. A. Whitehead and Sam. McDonald, the last mentioned went in merely to make up a race, his amiable intention was frustrated however as Whitehead ran away from him from the start, and "Sammy" drew out, feeling convinced that "hurdle-racing" was not his *forte*.

The third series of the races for the Cup took place on the same track and consisted of the 100 yards dash and two miles.

E. A. Whitehead won the dash from his only com-

petitor, C. Peers Davidson. He lost the first heat by dropping a shoe but won the next two easily.

The two miles was won by Wm. L. Maltby in the second best time on record 12 m. 58 sec. This was all the more creditable as he had no opponents, had it been otherwise the chances were that the "fast time record" would have been still lowered a "peg or two."

Summary of the six races for the Cup.

Four mile walk, C. Peers Davidson,

Half " race, E. A. Whitehead, 3m 3½ sec.

150 yds. hurdle " heats, E. A. Whitehead,

One mile " W. L. Maltby, 6½ m.

100 yds. Dash heats, E. A. Whitehead, 12½s. 14s.

Two mile race, W. L. Maltby, 12 m. 58 sec.

This competition placed E. A. Whitehead in possession of the "Cup," he having won three races out of the series.

Great dissatisfaction was expressed at the lack of competition in the races for this Cup, which, were originated to bring out the more youthful members of the club and thus give them an opportunity to cultivate in private races, the confidence necessary to fit them for the annual public competitions.

TIME RACES.

On January 22nd 1868, Wm. L. Maltby ran a half

mile—to beat 2 m. 50 sec.—on Sherbrooke Street, when he completed the distance in 2 m. 47 sec. winning by three seconds.

On Monday, January 27th, Mr. Maltby ran a trial 2 miles against time, (12 m. 50 sec.) on Sherbrooke Street, from the "Towers" to Union Avenue, and return. A high wind prevailed which tended to interfere with the successful performance of the task which was completed in 12 m. 55½ sec. Time winning by 5½ seconds.

"ALEXANDRA" SNOW SHOE CLUB.

Held its first Annual Races on the Cricket ground on Saturday, 8th February 1868, which were in every way a success. There were five open out of a programme of nine Races, the "Montreal" winning four.

Four mile walk, John J. Davidson, (M) won in 40m. 13sec. defeating W. H. Hare, M. Newall.

120 yds. hurdle Race open, in heats, Anthony Moffatt, won the belt by a "fluke" defeating Frank Johnson, E. A. Whitehead, Franc O. Wood, of the "Montreal" Stanley Mitchell, Chas. Cushing, of the "Alexandra" Immediately after the race, Whitehead offered to run the winner giving him 10 or 15 yards start, but he was content to rest upon his laurels (?) Time was poor, 29¼ and 30½ sec. Johnson won first heat, 25¾ sec. Whitehead third heat, 29¼ sec.

Three mile race, open, Wm. L. Maltby, (M.) won in 20m. 46 sec. *the best on record*, beating Jas. Henderson, (M.) and Harry Dean, (M.)

Hamilton cup, half mile heats, (Club race) was won by J. D. Armstrong from Harry Jones, C. Cushing, and John Bryan, in 3 m. 11½ and 3 m. 24½.

One mile open, R. Tate, (M.) won in 6 m. 37½ Alex Davidson (M.) second, in 6 m. 38½ sec. Frank Johnson, (M) J. H. Carnegie, (D) A. Moffatt, L. H. Moir, (D) A. Ogilvy, (M.) M. Newell, W. McElroy and James Madigan.

150 yards Dash in heats, club, Stanley Mitchell, won both heats easily, in 24 and 25½ sec. J. R. Middlemiss, Arthur Jacques.

Club Two miles, won by Jno. Brindley, in 15 m. 3½s. Jno. Bryan and Lanigan.

Soldier's half mile, Durkin of 11th Hussars, won in 3m. 37s. Lynch, (16th) McManus, (16th.)

¼ mile Consolation, Franc O. Wood, (M.) won easily, L. G. Moir (D.) second, 13 started.

ANNUAL RACES.

Took place upon the Cricket field, on the 15th, of February. There was a large attendance of spectators, and the Races passed off to the satisfaction of all concerned. The sports opened with the

FOUR MILE INDIAN RACE,

which was won by Keraronwe in 27 m. 33½ sec. the *fastest on record*, other Indians second and third. Wm. L. Maltby, fourth in 28 m. 5 sec. Telfer,

drew out at end of mile and half, as did "old Thomas," of the 12 m. 38 sec. record for two miles, this action speaking louder than words of the severity of the pace. The winner was a perfect wonder, his legs moving with the steady, strong action of a machine, and though of slight build the muscles of his limbs must have been of steel to stand the magnificent gait he struck that day. There seemed to be "no tire" in him, and he pulled up almost as fresh as when he started

100 YARDS DASH, OPEN

in heats followed. E. A. Whitehead, (M.) won from a field of seven in two straight heats, in 12½ sec. each, Messrs. Frank Johnson, (M.) J. C. James, (G. T.) T. G. Ralston, (M.) F. O. Wood, (M.) Stanley Mitchell, (A.) A. M. Perkins, (M.) J. Robinson, (D.)

CLUB CUP, TWO MILES,

was won by James Henderson, in 14 m. 14 sec. defeating Frank Johnson, Harry Dean, J. Watson, Anderson. Johnson, second in 14m. 41s.

BOYS HALF MILE.

followed, when Thomas Hodgson, won, the first boy (Newman) being disqualified on account of age. 17 youngsters started.

ONE MILE, OPEN,

was won by Alex. M. Davidson, (M.) after a close finish with Richard Tate, in 6 m. 35 sec. Ogilvy, Holton, Brown, Newell, and 3 Indians started.

HALF MILE OPEN,

brought Sam. McDonald, (M.) Perkins, (M.) Durkin, McLaughlin, J. A. Stevenson, (D.) A. McCready, L. G. Moir, (D.) J. Brindley, (A.) S. C. Stevenson, (D.) Durkin, won in 3 m. 09 sec. McLaughlin, 2nd in 3.16. McDonald third in 3.20. First time on record of a soldier winning an open race.

120 YARDS HURDLE OPEN,

Whitehead, won 2 straight heats, defeating Wood, Johnson, James, (G. T.) Mitchell, (A.) Harper, (D.)

SQUAW RACE.

It was some years since a squaw race took place in the City and the event caused quite a flutter of excitement among the spectators. The two dusky opponents were evidently abashed at having to run the gauntlet of so many curious spectators and only after considerable coaxing could they be induced to uncover their faces and make a start. At the word "go" the gentle creatures broke into a leisure-

ly walk, their lithe, active forms, (each weighing probably at the lowest estimate 200 lbs) swaying after the graceful manner of the pines which are traditionally supposed to overshadow their ancestral home, their faces radiant with hope and teeming (spite of the cold) with perspiration, as each muscle was brought into play to kindle the pace into something akin to a run. Gradually their exertions were rewarded, the propelling motion quickened and the romantic daughters of the forest, forgetting in the excitement of the moment, all attendant circumstances were once more in the ideal land of their fathers, chasing in joyous glee the wild deer o'er the virgin snow. They were awakened however to the real state of the case, to find that they were yet mortal and that before winning the prize something had yet to be accomplished. Finally the goal was reached by the smaller of the two and as she "shot" by the tape some 20 feet ahead of her dusky rival, she was received with shouts of applause. After gravely wrapping themselves up in their flowing blankets, receiving the congratulations of their friends during the process, they lapsed once more into the real earnest squaw of the period

HALF MILE GARRISON

race took place, Durkin winning in 3m. 40 sec.

Holton, 60th Rifles, second in 3. 54. Anderson, (78th), third in 4 m

GREEN HALF MILE

brought 18 to the post. McLaughlin won in 3. 21. Auld second, Harry Jones (A.) third.

The prizes were then distributed by Mr. Hughes, after which the meeting dispersed.

ANNUAL DINNER.

took place in the evening at the "Terrapin" where the members sat down to an elegant repast.

DINNER TO FRED. MATTHEWS, ESQ.

At a tramp held on the 19th February, 20 members being present, it was moved by C. W. Radiger seconded by W. L. Maltby "that the club dine at "the club House, Cote des Neiges, and invite Fred. "Matthews, Esq., as a guest," carried.

"TECUMSETH" CUP.

A Committee meeting was held on the 26th February, 1868, to take into consideration the proposition for acceptance by the "Montreal" of a "Cup," presented to them through Mr. Langley, the donor's name not being given. It was decided to defer the

race for the "Cup" till the following year, owing to lateness of the season. This action of the Committee caused a considerable amount of ill feeling among the running men of the club. Messrs. Wm. L. Maltby and James Henderson, feeling particularly slighted by the decision of the Committee, tendered their resignations, which were accepted. Both gentlemen shortly after joined the "Alexandra" club. A letter was written to the donor through Mr. Langley explaining the position and asking that the competition be postponed; to this letter no answer was returned and the week following the "Cup" was on view in the window of a leading Jeweller, with a card attached, stating that it would be run for under the auspices of the "Alexandra" club and open to all clubs, *bar* the Montreal." In this way was the "Tecumseth" Cup cast upon the Snow Shoe world.

Perhaps our Committee acted wisely in not consenting to receive it at the time, but the lateness of the season, could hardly be accepted as a reason for refusal; they should have remembered the interests of the runners who ought to have been consulted and their claims protected. Had this been done the finest "Cup" ever offered to the Snow Shoe clubs would in all probability have been now the property of our club.

Some letters appearing in the daily papers reflecting upon the conduct of the "Montreal" in refusing their patronage to the "Tecumseth" Cup, a meeting was called to consider the question of reply. It was decided to take no notice of them, although one member pointedly accused the Committee of personal motives, etc.

The following letter supposed to be from the donor, gives his views on the subject.

To the Editor *Evening Telegraph.*

Dear Sir—As there has been some correspondence direct and otherwise thro' paragraphs in the papers respecting the "Tecumseth" cup, will you allow me, the donor of this handsome gift to say something in the matter on the truth of which you really can depend. In the early part of the month of December this cup was by me thro' one of the best members of the M. S. S. Club presented to them specially and to that club alone, without any reservation on my part, leaving it to them to make a race worthy of the club, worthy of the "cup" and worthy of the manufacturer. Shortly after I left for England. On my return after two months absence I found through my friend, that this gift, would not or could not be run for this season, and upon objections which seemed to me so perfectly unexplanatory both towards myself and also towards many members of the club, that I decided to withdraw from them, the oldest club in the province, and make it a prize, open to all Snow Shoers in the Dominion. If the "Montreal" has been excepted in the Contest, they, through their President or otherwise have themselves to blame and no one else. It was

my purpose in this matter to remain in the dark but there has been so much said that in justice to many members of the M. S. S. Club and also to the other Snow Shoe Clubs of this City. I, the donor of this cup have come forward and stated these, the real facts of the case.

I am dear Sir,

Yours truly,

Montreal, March 12th, 1868. JOHN SMITH.

RACE FOR THE "CUP."

On Saturday, 14th March 1868, the race for the Tecumseth Cup, came off upon the Montreal Cricket field. We clip the following from the *Daily News* of that date.

"That proverbial authority the "oldest inhabitant" might be safely challenged to instance such another attempt to convert snow shoeing into an aquatic sport as made on Saturday afternoon. The Course looked simply impassable. Here and there it was broken by regular water courses, and in one place an ugly hole hidden under two feet of water might well have daunted the most eager of competitors. The pluck with which these unusual difficulties were encountered could not have been excelled, and the fellows sometimes dripping from head to foot took to the water as if plunging into winter freshets was an incident of no ordinary occurrence."

The time made was not slow considering the desperate nature of the track, and work that was required.

ONE MILE, OPEN,

Only two of the eight entries faced the music, Messrs. James Henderson, (A.) and A. Ogilvie, the first named won by a neck in 8 m. 58 sec.

100 YARDS DASH.

A hurdle race was on the "bills" but the nature of the track prevented carrying out the idea and the "dash" was substituted. T. G. Ralston, F. O. Wood, of the "Montreal" Alf Isaaeson of "Dominion" and Durkin of the Hussars entered.

In this race the start by pistol was first used and found to work satisfactorily. Wood won first heat, Durkin the second. The last heat was splendidly contested, Durkin and Ralston, making fast time for winning post, Wood who lost ten feet by a bad slip was making superhuman efforts to catch the leader, but seemingly without prospect of success, 60, 70, 80 yards were passed, Ralston loses a snow shoe and leaves Durkin apparently a certain winner, when Wood, with a splendid "spurt" ranges alongside fights for a second an even battle with the Hussar, and then answering to the call of excited friends, he springs to the front winning by a short head.

Wood, was deservedly complimented on his pluck and placed side by side with the "crack" sprinters of the day which confidence was fully repaid by his after successes.

"Cup" race.

This great race followed. The cup was to be held two years in succession, Kavanagh, of Ottawa did not shew up. Maltby, was protested against, on the ground that although admitted to the "Alexandra" he was not a properly qualified member, as required by the conditions of the Race, on these grounds as well as being a personal friend of Mr. Massey's he did not wish to incur the reproach that he had left the "Montreal" to run for the "Cup." The non appearance of

these men left the odds a long way in Massey's favour, so much so that little interest was manifested in the Race other than speculation on the probable result physically of such a fresh, cold water application in the midst of our Canadian winter season.

The contest lay between Messrs. John Brindley, (A) Lilburn Moir, (D) Newell, (G.T.R) Boon, (A) and George Massey of Toronto, who was formerly an active member of the "Montreal."

The Race was a hollow affair from the start, Newell, led the first ½ of the first lap, when an unlucky slip, dropped him into a water hole three feet deep; while engaged in extracting himself Massey went past him, took the lead, continued to increase it and won easily in 17 m. 42 sec. Brindley second, in 18 m. 18 sec.

By this victory Toronto became the fortunate possessor of the "Cup." Massey, was "nursed" in the "Montreal" and its members were not a little pleased that spite of restrictions the "cup" should have fallen into the hands of one whose every success was regarded as almost directly an honour added to their colours.

HANDICAP HALF MILE.

None of our club entered for this race which was won by Harry Jones, (A) who received 20 yards, in 3 m. 38 sec. Durkin, from "scratch" second, defeating S. C. Stevenson, (D) scratch, A. Ogilvie, 25 yards, J. Gordon, 40 yards, C. N. Armstrong, 60 yards.

The "Alexandra" finished the day's sports with an elegant spread in the "Cosmopolitan." David Rodger, Esq., in the chair. The evening passed very pleasantly aided by song and speech, one of the pleasing features being the presentation of the "Cup" to Mr. Massey, who briefly returned thanks.

DEATH OF JAMES McCULLOCH, Esq.

The dinner which was to have taken place at the Bellevue, Cote des Neiges, on the evening of Tuesday the 25th inst. in honour of Fred. Matthews, Esq., was indefinitely postponed on account of the accidental death of an old and much esteemed member of the club, Mr. James McCulloch. The particulars of the accident were as follows :

It appears that the unfortunate gentleman left on Saturday by the train for Quebec, and upon reaching Danville, entered the Station to telegraph some friends of his intended arrival. Hearing the whistle sound, he hastened out and in attempting to step on board the moving train, his hand slipped from the guard railing and in the effort to recover himself, he slipped and fell from the platform. The train passed completely over his body almost severing it and causing instantaneous death. Mr. McCulloch will be deeply mourned by many friends, who can bear personal testimony to his amiable disposition and honourable character, snatched away in the prime of life, he will long be remembered as the genial and open-handed gentleman, and as one who was never known to be guilty of an unworthy or unkind action.—*News.*

GRAND TRUNK CLUB'S RACES.

Took place at Point St. Charles, on the 22nd of February 1868. There were five open races, four of which were won by the "Montreal."

Two miles, Indian Race, won by Keraronwe, ($20) in 12 m. 51 s. Daillebout, ($10) 13 m. 10 sec.

125 yards, hurdles, open, heats, E. A. Whitehead, time 28 & 28½ sec. Franc O. Wood, (M.) J. D. Armstrong, (D.) A. Moffatt, (S.)

Quarter mile, boys, C. Armstrong, time 2 m. J. A. Stevenson, Chas. Robinson.

Half mile, club cup, M. Newell, time 3 m. 8 s. Mattinson, Clark.

Half mile, Garrison, Durkin, time 3 m. 27 sec. Holton, Dugas. 16 competitors.

100 yards, dash, open, heats, E. A. Whitehead, time 12½, 12¾ sec. Frank Johnson, T. G. Ralston, C. P. Davidson, of "Montreal," and nine others.

One mile, open, W. L. Maltby, (M.) time 6 m. 25 sec. Telfer, (M.) 6 m. 36 sec. A. M. Davidson, (M.) 6 m. 40 sec. and eleven others.

Quarter mile, Garrison, Durkin, time 1 m. 58 sec. Holton, Dugas.

Consolation quarter mile, open, T. G. Ralston, (M.) time 1 m. 47 sec. J. D. Armstrong, (D.) S. C. Stevenson, (D.)

"DOMINION" CLUB.

The first Annual Races of this Club took place upon the Cricket field on the 29th February 1868. There were four open events, two of which were won by the "Montreal."

Indian Race, 3 miles, open, Keraronwe, won in 19 m. 47 s. Daillebout, 19 m. 52 sec.

Hurdles 125 yards, open, heats, F. Wood, won 2nd and 3rd. S. Mitchell, (A) 1st, time, 21 s, 21½ s.

Club race, Two miles. E. Cunningham, time 14½ m. Lilburn Moir. 15 m. 19 sec.

Boys ½ mile, James Pierce, 3 m. 38½ sec.

Half mile, club. S. C. Stevenson, time 3 m. 10 sec. Bent, 3½ m.

Toboggan Race, half mile. Each competitor dragging a toboggan with a "young savage" strapped on, won by Eteronkiawata, in 3 m. 57½ sec.

100 yards dash (Club) A. G. Isaacson, 15¼ & 16 sec.

One mile, open, W. L. Maltby, time 6 m. 12¼ sec. C. Bouthillier, (M) 6 m. 33 sec.

One mile (club) Wm. Harper, time 6 m. 24 sec. Stevenson, (2)

Garrison half mile, Holton, (60th) 3 m. 25 sec. Lynch, Cook, (13th.)

The mile race created quite a dispute and as the decision of the Judges was somewhat "unique" it may be as well to state the case. Maltby, was thrown at the start and lost a shoe, thereby losing all chance to win a place. He protested and the Judges called the men back—some of whom had completed the half mile,—and ordered a fresh start. The Indian Chief Baptiste would not allow the Indians to compete again but Maltby, Bouthillier, and Durkin, started. The decision of the Judges was entirely erroneous without precedent and was as much a surprise to the protestor as it was to the spectators.

The Hon. Henry Starnes, offered a purse of $20, to be competed for on a subsequent Saturday, of which more anon.

The following Races, omitted under their proper heading, are here inserted.

On February 11th, W. L. Maltby ran three miles against time in 20 m. 32 s.

On February 26th, the same gentleman ran two miles in 12 m. 36½ s.

"DOMINION" SUPPLEMENTARY RACES

Took place upon the Cricket field on the 7th March, to decide one or two of the disputes of the previous Saturday.

The one mile was won in a canter by Keroniare in 6 m. 7¼ sec. Daillebout, 6 m. 8 sec. Maltby, 6 m. 29 sec.

Keroniare, shewed off to the greatest advantage in this race and gave such an exhibition of his powers of endurance as stamped him a "wonder." To quote a paragraph on his style will give the reader some idea of it. "His snow shoes are thrown in a loose hap hazard way that white men have been accustomed to condemn as producing unnecessary fatigue, while his endurance does not seem to have been put to any very severe test in any of the many races he has this winter won."

Two mile walk, (club) won by Sam C. Stevenson, defeating G. Van Buskirk, A. Galt, (who was disqualified), and Wm. Robinson.

100 yards dash, (club), was won by John Robinson.

120 yards hurdle Race, (club), won by Alfred Isaacson, who by this win secured the Ogilvie Medal.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

of the Club took place on the 18th March, when the Treasurer's statement was presented, showing that there were 118 members this season, and a balance to the credit of the club of about $180, after paying all expenses.

The following resolution was submitted, moved by C. Peers Davidson, and seconded by Chas. W. Radiger.

"That this club regrets that *even two*, Messrs. Maltby and Henderson, from among its 165 members, should have been found willing to seek admittance to another club, with the intention of thereby becoming eligible to take part in a competition from which the "Montreal" had been specially and to its possible injury excluded, Yeas 14, Nays 6.

SEASON 1868-1869.

This Season was remarkable for the quantity of snow, while the number of severe and stormy nights was unprecedented. Notwithstanding, the Tramps were well attended. The season commenced very early; no fewer than three tramps taking place to Duclos' Club House, Cote des Neiges, before the Annual Meeting.

The Dominion and Alexandra Clubs not only maintained the position attained last season, but improved the "shining hour" and as a natural consequence, at the end of the season they occupied the

rank, which by hard training they were entitled to.

Among the noted runners of the "Dominion" Messrs. Wm. Harper and J. D. Armstrong, stand out in proud relief. The first named made himself famous by defeating our hitherto champion "one-miler" Wm. L. Maltby; he being the first white man to defeat him at that distance. He won the Tecumseth cup from Mr. Massey easily, as well as other cups of less note.

Mr. Armstrong might be called the Champion "sprinter" of the year, he having won 11 races out of 12 starts. He was, perhaps the "luckiest" runner that ever trod upon shoes; having a wonderful stride, with little weight to carry and indomitable pluck to back him up, there were few who cared to find themselves alongside the "red and blue" man; his fields were generally small which spoke well for his reputation. Either in the 100 yards, or quarter mile dashes he was almost invincible, while over hurdles, (after he learned to clear them properly) few could equal him.

Our club comes next in order with 12 first prizes and one second. Our runners were much the same as last year, J. C. James proving himself a hard man to beat at the short distances.

The Alexandra Club is credited with 5 wins. Messrs. Harry Jones, H. W. Becket, and Thos. Brown being among the winners.

ANNUAL MEETING.

was held in the Mechanics' Hall, on Saturday evening, the 5th of December 1869, when 30 members were present. After reading minutes and the reports of Secretary and Treasurer, (the last named shewing a balance of $90 on hand,) the meeting proceeded to elect officers.

N. H. HUGHES.—*President.*

C. W. RADIGER.—*1st Vice-President.*

JNO. VAN BUSKIRK.—*2nd Vice-President.*

JAMES P. COX.—*Secretary.*

A. M. DAVIDSON.—*Treasurer.*

COMMITTEE.

ANGUS GRANT. JNO. ANDERSON.
G. M. MILLAR. SAMUEL MCDONALD.
ARTHUR SIMPSON.

The following gentlemen were admitted members of the club. Messrs. Lemuel Cushing, Jr. W. L. Maltby, (re-elected) R. W. McDougall, E. W. Mudge, J. H. Hodges, and during the season, Geo. Torrance, Edward Ermatinger, R. Brand, R. A. Becket, Chas. W. Hagar and J. C. James, (re-elected.)

LIFE MEMBERS.

In appreciation of many years of valuable services on behalf of the club, the following gentlemen were

elected life members, Messrs. N. H. Hughes and Fred. Matthews, and during the season, Messrs. Romeo H. Stephens, John Murray and Geo. Parys.

TRAMPS.

Number of members upon the Roll 123, average attendance 25, largest muster 40.

There were three tramps before the Annual Meeting, the first of which took place on the evening of 18th Nov. 1868 to Duclos', at Cote des Neiges; the snow being very deep and heavy.

On 12th December, 11 members tramped to Lachine, and put up at Hanna's.

On the 19th of same month, 11 members tramped to Lajeunesse's at Back River, and had a splendid time, the weather being everything to be desired for the trip.

Tramps were undertaken to St. Laurent, as well as other places which were well attended, Mr. Duclos entertained the club to supper one evening at which about 30 sat down, and spent a most enjoyable evening.

MOUNT ROYAL STEEPLE CHASE.

On Saturday 16th January 1869, the club inaugurated a new feature in snow shoe racing, namely the Mountain Steeple Chase. The course lay over

the usual trail across the mountain, from Union Avenue, through McGill College grounds, up McTavish Street, crossing the mountain to left of "Ravenscrag," passing through Roman Catholic Cemetery to Duclos' Club House, Cote des Neiges.

The following gentlemen started, being the "green uns" eligible to enter, Messrs. Sam McDonald, Arthur Simpson, Fred Massey, Jno. Davidson, Harry Dean, J. H. Hodges, Leslie Skelton.

The Race was well contested, the runners being well up. Leslie Skelton won in 23.40, Arthur Simpson 23.45, Sam McDonald 23.48. The prizes were a silver medal, sett of studs and snow shoe breast pin. After the Races the club sat down to a supper served in Duclos's best style, during which Mr. Hughes presented the prizes.

CHAMPION STEEPLE CHASE.

On Saturday 23rd January, the great event of the season came off; the Champion Mountain Steeple Chase for the "Duclos" medal. The Race caused great excitement in racing circles, and large entries were made by all the clubs. The following entered.

"Montreal"—Messrs. W. L. Maltby (1) Fred Massey (13) A. B. McPherson (12).

"Dominion"—C. N. Armstrong (14) J. Brown (5) Fred McIndoe (8) N. H. Vosburg (2) Wm. Harper (DIS.) Sam C. Stevenson (7) L. Moir (4).

"Alexandra"—Harry Jones (3) Jno. Bryan (6) J. Jordan (9) A. Elliott (10) A. Birks (11) C. H. Thompson (15) J. H. Brindley, C. Kersten, D. Simpson.

Mr. David Rodger, President of the "Alexandra" started the men, Vosburg led up to foot of the "Reservoir" when Maltby went to the fore and led up the Hill at a pace which astonished the natives. It soon told upon his followers and by the time the "Pines" were reached and his "brown tuque" tassel nodded its farewell to their company, the gaps were not few tho' far between; his pace increased as he ran along thro' the "open" and when the Cemetery was reached he had a long lead and won and good race in 23.35. Vosburg of the "Dominion" second in 24.10. Harry Jones of the "Alexandra, third in 24.50.

The Track was heavy, and the time considering this was fast.

The Medal, the gift of Mr. Duclos of the Club House, was a very handsome maltese gold cross, which was presented to the winner by N. H. Hughes Esq. as were the gold sleeve links to Vosburg and the silver medal to Harry Jones. After the presentation the Company adjourned to the supper room where a pleasant hour was spent previous to returning to town.

HARPER-MALTBY MATCH.

On the morning of January the 27th, a race took place between W. L. Maltby and Wm. Harper, the latter being allowed a start of two minutes, from Union Avenue to the Hotel at Cote des Neiges. Harper was not far from "Ravenscrag," when Maltby started; he rushed off at a rapid gait and was fast breasting the hill, and going well, when his old enemy the "stitch" assailed him. After trying in vain to coax its forbearance he was compelled to give up the race.

We think that two minutes start was rather under estimating Harper's powers as a runner, and had Maltby taken time to consider, he would probably have come to the same conclusion.

DOMINION CLUB'S

Races took place on Saturday afternoon 6th Feby., on the Cricket field. The weather was very pleasant, the attendance large and fashionable. The track was a quarter of a mile round and was very heavy, in consequence the times were slow. There were five open events two of which were won by the "Montreal."

3 MILES INDIAN RACE, $15, $5, won by Keroniare in 20 m. 9 s. B. Daillebout second, in 20 m. 41 s. 4 Indians and one white (R. Simpson,) started.

HALF MILE, CLUB, "Stephens" cup, won by J. D. Armstrong in 3 m. S. C. Stevenson, (2) defeating Wm. Harper, N. H. Vosburg,— 10 starters.

BOYS' HALF MILE.—Snow shoes,—won by A. Pierce in 3.45 W. Kay (2)—23 starters.

100 YARDS, DASH.—silver medal—won by George Torrance (M) in 19 s. 21 s. Franc Wood won second heat in 19s. defeating Vosburg (D) Durkin (Hussars) Stanley Mitchell (A)—23 starters.

HALF MILE, (Green), silver medal. won by Thomas Brown (A) in 3.25, Robinson (D) 2.—20 starters.

2 MILES CLUB CUP.—won by Jno. Robinson in 14.35 L. G. Moir (2) 15.05.—9 starters.

HURDLE RACE 120 YARDS. — silver medal — won by Deligny Armstrong (D) in 24 and 25 sec. 1st heat tie between Armstrong & Wood. Armstrong, Wood & Sam Massey started.

ONE MILE OPEN.— medal— won by W. L. Maltby in 6.44, Newell, (G. T. R.) 7.09.—3 starters.

Garrison Half Mile.—Prizes $5. 3. 2. won by Holton 3. 34. Durkin, Brown.

Consolation ¼ Mile, won by Dickson in 1.34 Harry Swain Jr. 1.40.

GRAND TRUNK CLUB.

Races took place at Point St. Charles on Saturday afternoon 13th February. The Track had been laid out with great care, a broad passage way cleared with a snow plough, half mile in circumference, gave each runner an open even track to attempt a brush. A large crowd was present and the competition was keen. The Races were distinguished by the fact that our hitherto undisputed champion white man had to lower his colours before the splendid running and thorough condition of one who long after held a most honourable position on the race track. Maltby, not expecting such keen opposition, had allowed himself to get "off" hence his defeat;

2 Miles Indian Race, prizes $20. $10. with a bonus of $5 if one mile was covered in 5.40 and $10 if two miles were run in 12.25. The Race lay between Keroniare and B. Daillebout, but when the time came to ensure the safety of the first prize, Keroniare was on the spot in 12.52½ Daillebout close behind.

120 Yards Hurdle Race, $8 and $4 was won by J. D. Armstrong (d) in 21 s. 23 s. It should hardly have been called a Hurdle Race if jumping the hurdles were supposed to have been the feature, our friend the winner merely jumping

on and off the impediments as he ran along instead of clearing them as we were wont to see in the hurdle racing of the "olden time"—4 starters, Irwin, Moore and Hurtubise.

Boys' ½ Mile $5. $3. $2.—Wm. Roy won in 3.17, Frank Newman (2) R. Elliott (3) defeating 13 others.

Half Mile Club Race.—Green "Cup"—won by Sam McDonald (M) in 3.7½, John Davey (2) R. H. Brand (3) 7 starters.

Garrison Half Mile.—Prizes $8. $5. $3. won by Durkin in 3.13¼, Holton, Anderson (78th.).

100 Yards Dash, Heats, Open.—Prize $8. won by J. D. Armstrong through a protest that Charles D. Rose did not finish the distance in first heat, which fact was acknowledged by Mr. Rose—who had won two out of 3 heats easily—This piece of strategy gave Mr. Armstrong the medal. Among the competitors were Messrs. Geo. Torrance, J. C. James, Thos. Brown, Sam Massey, A. Elliott, E. Irwin, N. H. Vosburg, W. Goodbody, Harry Swain, Jr. and D. Hurtubise 12 in all.

One Mile Open, $15. $8. won by Wm. Harper (D) in 6.13 W. L. Maltby 6.25, Telfer third. The result rather surprised the backers of the "Montreal" and this little experience brought vividly to view the possibility of our not being able to win any open races, should this state of things be allowed to continue. All the "sprint" races were being quietly won by our rivals and now the longer ones were in a fair way to follow suit. The following criticism on the race gives a just and correct view of the matter. "Maltby was short of work it is true. He was fit to beat an ordinary field, but not fine enough to tussle with a first class man, his condition proved this, we saw Maltby yesterday and he acknowledged frankly that he was beaten on his merits, that Harper won a grand

race. This was just the truth. But we must censure that excess of club enthusiasm which induces first class runners to risk their reputations when unfit, just to try and win a race for their club.—Maltby in the mile, Irwin in the dash, were examples of these.—so was Hartland McDougall when he ran for the Volunteer prize in 1863, to be beaten by Tate and Broster; laudable as is this affection for the Club, no first class man should risk a race wherein his defeat is a pretty sure thing just to try and defeat a rival organization."

Harper ran with much steadiness and great science; he allowed Maltby to make the pace and when he saw his opportunity cut him down and then forced the pace to the goal post.

Boys' Half Mile Club, was won by Horace Young in 3½m.

Garrison Half Mile, was won by Durkin, in 3.21.

Consolation Quarter Mile was won by J. A. Stevenson (d) in 1.24, Harry Jones (2) Sam C. Stevenson (3)

After the races were finished a match Race of 100 yards in heats was run between Messrs. Rose and Armstrong. Armstrong took the lead in starting, but Rose's superior speed and powers of endurance enabled him to finish stronger. Rose won both heats easily.

ANNUAL RACES.

Took place upon the Montreal Lacrosse Grounds, Sherbrooke Street, on Saturday afternoon, the 20th February. The day was pleasant, which with the attractions offered and the prestige of the "old club" served to draw a very large assembly, among whom was a large number of ladies, who lent their aid in

rendering the general appearance of the stands and surroundings attractive.

The "Montreal" failed to secure any of the "open" races it being the first time on record in which they have failed to win one or more.

Some dissatisfaction was expressed by outsiders at the Indians being allowed to compete in the open races, and some were heard to remark that we had induced the Indians to enter. This insinuation amounted to nothing when by looking up the Records, the races of the club will be found "open to all." For instance the mile race since 1857, has only been won 4 out of 10 times by Indians.

HONORARY STEWARDS.

LIEUT. GEN. SIR CHARLES ASH. WYNDHAM, V.C., K.CB.
MAJOR GENERAL BISSETT.

STEWARDS.

COL. LYONS, R. H. STEPHENS.
F. W. L. PENTON, HENRY HOGAN.
JOHN PENNER.

FOUR MILE INDIAN RACE, $20, $10, $5, opened the proceedings. It was won by Keroniare, who upon the seventh round (1¾m.) lapped the last man, and on the tenth overhauled Vosburg with a tremendous "spurt" which fairly electrified the crowd. On the fifteenth round he again passed Vosburg who withdrew. He came home at a terrific pace and finished the four mile canter as though it were a *dash*.—Time, 28m. 10s. Daillebout, (2.)

100 YARDS DASH, open, silver medal. Kavanagh of Ottawa won first heat in 13s. Franc O. Wood, the second

in 12 s. J. C. James, the third and fourth in 12½ and 14 sec. Geo. Torrance, Sam Massey.

TWO MILES, Club cup, was won after a close contest with Arthur Simpson, by Leslie Skelton in 14 m. 47 s. Simpson, 14m. 48s. McIntyre, McPherson, J. H. Hodges, R. H. Brand. 7 starters.

BOYS HALF MILE,—snow shoes—won by McGlashan, in 3 m. 56 s. Kay, (2) Charles Lindsay, (3)

ONE MILE, open, (silver medal) brought Keroniare to the post which scared away most of the entries, but Wm. Harper, (D) Harry Jones, (A) and Jno. Brindley, (A) contested his powers which without being seriously injured or taxed, proved too much for the inquisitors and he won easily in 6 m. 49 s. Brindley second, in 7 m. 12 sec.

120 YARDS HURDLE RACE—belt—was won by J. D. Armstrong, who repeated his performance of last Saturday, defeating Franc O. Wood, and Stanley Mitchell.—3 starters.

HALF MILE OPEN, (silver medal) was won by Daillebout, in 3 m. 6 s. with John Robinson, (D) close up in 3 m. 9 sec. M. Newell, (3.)

HALF MILE, garrison—$5, $3, $2—was won by Anderson (78th,) Gardner (13th,) Brown, (13th).

GREEN HALF MILE,—silver medal,—was won by Charles Liffiton, (D) defeating A. Birks, (A) A. B. McPherson, (M.) The race would have been won by McPherson but for a fall, when leading, within a yard or two of the post.

QUARTER MILE HURDLE RACE,—silver medal,—was won by J. D. Armstrong in 1 m. 32¼ sec. defeating Sam Massey, J. A. Stevenson, Chas. Bouthillier, (M).

The prizes were distributed by N. H. Hughes, Esq., after the Races.

THE ANNUAL DINNER

Took place in the evening at the Terrapin, when 30 sat down. The other clubs were not represented, some misunderstanding having arisen about the invitations which were given verbally. Messrs. Geo. Massey, and Jno. Henderson of the Toronto Club, were present and responded on behalf of the "sister clubs." The party broke up shortly after midnight.

TECUMSETH CUP RACES.

The race for the "cup" took place under the auspices of the Alexandra Club, on the Montreal Cricket Club Grounds, on the 22nd February. The day was fine and a large crowd was present. The track was soft in places and in poor condition.

OPEN MILE, medal, was won by Harry Jones, (A) in 6 m. 44 sec. defeating Durkin, Vosburg, Holton, none of our men competing.

100 YARDS DASH, medal, was won by J. D. Armstrong, in 13 and 13½ sec. defeating J. C. James, Franc O. Wood and Vosburg, Wood won first heat.

GREEN HALF MILE, (club) medal, was won by Jacob Jordan, (A) in 3 m. 16 s. A. Birks, A. Jacques.

QUARTER MILE HURDLE RACE, was won by J. D. Armstrong, who was assisted by S. C. Stevenson, as he merely went in to make a race, time 1 m. 26½ s. Armstrong in this race cleared all the hurdles being cautioned before starting.

Then came the great event of the season the

CUP RACE.

Two miles, (held by Geo. Massey of Toronto.) The starters were, Messrs. George Massey, (Toronto,) M. Kavanagh, (Ottawa) J. H. Brindley, (Alexandra,) E. Cunningham, J. A. Stevenson, John Robinson, Wm. Harper (Dominion).

Much was expected of Kavanagh, but events proved that his *forte* was "sprint" running, for which his elegant and easy style was best suited. He took the lead at the start, Massey second, before the mile was covered Harper had taken the lead and passed the post in 6m. 54 sec. Kavanagh gave up here, followed on the next turn by Massey, Robinson and Cunningham. Harper won easily in 14 m. 30 s. Brindley second, in 15 m. 2 s. J. A. Stevenson, in 15 m. 6 s. The time was poor and when we consider the *very fast* time each and all were credited with, the wonder is that one mile in 6 m. 54 s. should "fag out" men (Kavanagh) who had run two miles in 13 m. 20 s. 3 miles in 22 m. and others whose record may be found during past seasons.

"ALEXANDRA" CLUB'S

Annual Races took place on Saturday, 27th February, on the Cricket field. A fearful snow-storm raged the whole afternoon, notwithstanding which there was a large number of spectators. The track was very heavy and the time slow. A special prize was promised in the two miles if the Indians would run the first mile in 5 m. 50 s. and $10, if two miles were covered in 12 m. 30 s.

TWO MILES INDIAN RACE, $15, $2, won by Keroniare, in 14 m. 15 s. Daillebout and young Thomas close up. 4 started.

100 YARDS DASH, medal. For this race there were 18 starters, who were run off in two squads. Armstrong won first heat in 13 s. James second heat in 12½ s. In running off Armstrong won the heat and the race in 11¾ s. Messrs. Stanley Mitchell, David Rodger, Jr. of "Alexandra," H. G. Young, Sam Massey, N. H. Vosburg, S. C. Stevenson and J. Logan of "Dominion," Franc O. Wood of "ours" competed.

TWO MILES, club cup, brought out Harry Jones, who won in 15 m. 6 s. A. Elliott, (2) Geo. W. Major and C. Kersten.

QUARTER MILE, Boys,—snow shoes. About 50 urchins rushed to the "post." They were started in two squads, Pierce won first heat, and Charles Lindsay the second. They ran off 100 yards to decide the tie when Pierce won.

QUARTER MILE HURDLE RACE, (club), Ogilvie gold medal, was won by Stanley Mitchell, who received the medal through Brown fouling the last hurdle. H. W. Becket second, Jno. Alexander, Geo. W. Major and Thomas Brown.

TWO MILES, "Hamilton cup,"—open. Great excitement was felt over this race, from the fact that Maltby and Harper were expected to meet and contest for the supremacy of the track; it died away, however, when it became known that Harper had withdrawn, Messrs. Maltby, John Robinson, Fred. Massey and Ed. Bulmer started. Robinson led the mile, here Maltby passed him and gradually crept away, winning in 14 m. 9 s. Robinson, 14 m. 26 s.

QUARTER MILE dash, (medal), brought out ten starters, won by J. D. Armstrong, in 1 m. 24 s. Durkin. Charles Bouthillier, was the only one of "ours" in, and as he was

running neck and neck with the winner till near the post, it was a "toss up" who was to win, but unfortunately, he fell giving away the race.

GREEN HALF MILE,—open—medal, was won by Clarence Kersten of the 'Alexandra' in 3m. 24s. McPherson of Montreal, second in 3 m. 26 s.—14 starters.

150 YARDS, DASH, garrison, green, was won by Anderson, (78th) Dowdall, (60th).

"ALEXANDRA" CLUB STEEPLE CHASE.

Over the Mountain track, took place on Saturday afternoon, January 30th 1869. Weather was very disagreeable, notwithstanding which the time was the best yet recorded. There were three prizes, Silver cup, gold medal and silver medal. Jno. Brindley led from the start, closely followed by Harry Jones; the pair raced neck and neck from the "pines" to the post, Brindley winning in 21 m. 25 s. Jones, 21 m. 25½ s. A. Elliott third, 23 m. 33 s. defeating Thomas Brown, C. Kersten, John Bryan, A. Birks, C. H. Thompson, F. X. Beauchamp, David Rodger Jr. R. M. Birks and R. H. Scholes.

Prizes were presented to the winners by the President. David Rodger Senr. Esq., After which the club sat down to supper.

GRAND TRUNK CLUB.

At South Quebec, held its races at Point Levis, about the 27th February 1869, over their Course. The winners and times as follows:—

SOLDIERS HALF MILE,—7 competed. Bryant, 3 m. 20 s. Chism, Rice.

HALF MILE, — boys, — 7 starters. Douglas, 3 m. 15 sec. Jeffrey, 3 m. 25 sec.

HALF MILE CLUB,—4 starters. M. Crean, Moynette.

HALF MILE, SOLDIERS,—7 starters. Bryant, Rice, Downs.

ONE MILE,—"Smeaton" cup. Harder, 6 m. 15s. Barlow.

THREE QUARTER MILE DASH,—6 starters. Douglas, Anderson.

100 YARDS DASH,—6 starters. M. Crean.

CONSOLATION STAKES. Walker, Lemieux, Blondin.

QUARTER MILE,—Green club,—6 starters. Moynette, Picton, Orkney.

ONE MILE,—3 starters. Barlow.

As there was some question as to the correctness of the "times" reported, we omit some of them and will not vouch for those given.

OTTAWA CLUB'S RACES,

Took place in Ottawa, on March 6th 1869.

T. J. Hannum, won the two miles in 14m. 13s. Half mile, in 2 m. 33 s. Quarter mile, in 1 m. 25 s.

M. Kavanagh, won the one mile in 6 m. 38 s. and the 100 yards hurdle races in 18 and 16 s.

McKay, won the 100 yards dash in 13 and 14 s. Corcoran, won the club quarter mile in 1 m. 50 s.

DOMINION CLUB'S SUPPLEMENTARY

Races, took place on the Cricket ground, on Saturday March 6th 1869. A large crowd was present; Maltby and Harper met in the mile race,

when Maltby redeemed his reputation by defeating his rival in the *fastest time* on record, 5 m 48 s. This meeting was remarkable for the times made in the two, one mile races, being best upon record.

ONE MILE,—club,—(Labranche medal,) was won by John Robinson, in 5 m. 58½ s. the *fastest time* on record, but which was "wiped" out by the time made in the "Innkeepers plate" Race.

ONE MILE,—"Innkeepers" plate, brought out a fine field, W. L. Maltby, Charles Bouthillier, of "Montreal" Wm. Harper, N. H. Vosburg, of "Dominion" Wm. Roy, Harry Jones, of "Alexandra" and other "clippers." The lead was taken by Maltby, who was passed when half way round by Harper, Maltby lay close behind, running a waiting race. They rapidly drew away from the rest, covering first half mile in 2 m. 48¾ s. Harper still ahead. The race grew quite exciting as the leaders entered the last quarter, and some of the faint-hearted were afraid that the "pace" would soon tell upon "Wm. L." however, he kept close to Harper. Near the last corner Maltby "went to his man's shoulder and the pace warm enough hitherto, became a cracker." He brushed for about 20 yards and then fell back, and a shout went up from Harper's friends, "Maltby's beaten." Their triumph was short lived, however, for as they swept around the course on the run home, he collared Harper, disposed of him in four strides, and putting on a spurt left him as though he had been a post and won in the unprecedented time of 5 m. 48 s. Harper beaten 10 or 15 yards in 5 m. 51 s. Telfer third, 5m. 59s.

100 YARDS HURDLE, race,—club,—green, (belt), won by Charles Rose, 15 s. 14½ s. Tees, Chas. Robinson.

HALF MILE,—club,—"Horne" medal, won by Sam. C. Stevenson, in 2 m. 50¾ s. H. G. Young.

BOYS QUARTER MILE, medal, won by Farmer in 1 m. 30¾ s.

QUARTER MILE,—HEATS,—club,—"Horn" cup won by Charles Rose, two straight heats in 1 m. 10½ s. 1 m. 16¾ s. Armstrong protested on the ground, that he had not fully complied with the club laws, which was over-ruled.

OPEN HALF MILE,—Major Bond's medal,—was won by Charles Bouthillier, (M) in 2 m. 48¼ s. defeating John Robinson, Harry Jones.

TWO MILES,—club,—"Robinson" medal"—won by "Nellie" Vosburg, in 13 m. 13 s. Harry Horsnell, (2).

100 YARDS DASH,—open,—medal,—won by J. C. James, (M) defeating Franc O. Wood, (2) and J. D. Armstrong.

QUARTER MILE, — green,—club, — "Stevenson" prize,—won by Sam Massey, in 1 m. 18½ s. Tabb, Ostell.

GARRISON HALF MILE,—won by Andrews, in 3 m. 31 sec.

NOTE WORTHY TRAMPS.

On Wednesday evening, 10th March 1869, in the face of a pelting storm of snow and sleet, twelve of the members started for the Club House, two going by way of the Road. It was the roughest night of the season, the drifts being as high as a cottage, the difficulty being in discovering which was the cottage. The men who went by the road found a horse and sleigh deserted, the horse quite dead. On Cote des Neiges Hill, they came up to another sleigh containing Mr. Lowe of the "Gazette," and

his daughter who were quite exhausted. They conveyed them safely home and but for their timely succour, a sensational article would have been furnished the papers, and a case to the Coroner.

On the evening of the 17th March, at Club House, Mr. Charles Bouthillier celebrated his victory of the afternoon by a steaming bowl of punch, in which long life was toasted right merrily to the winner of the "Toddy Kettle and goblet."

On the evening of the 25th March, 14 members crossed the Mountain and found "shoeing" quite good.

HIGH SCHOOL RACES.

Took place on the Cricket field, on March 13th 1869. In consequence of W. L. Maltby's illness, we had no representative in the long races.

ONE MILE,—club cup.—W. Kay, won in 7 m. 7 sec. Noyes, Greene.

100 YARDS DASH,—club.—George Cowan, 15 and 16sec.

HALF MILE,—boys.—Charlie Lindsay won in 3 m. 30 sec. W. Kay.

ONE MILE,—open,—medal.—W. Harper, won in 6 m. 12s. Jno. Robinson, N. H. Vosburg, W. K. Roy.

QUARTER MILE,—boys.—Charlie Lindsay, 1 m. 40 s., Rudolphe.

HALF MILE open.—Charles Rose won in 2 m. 56 s., H. Jones, 2 m. 59 s. S. C. Stevenson.

120 YARDS,—HURDLE, —club. — Charles Fleet won in 18 and 20 sec.

QUARTER MILE,—heats,— open.—Armstrong, won first heat 1 m. 14 s. In second heat, J. C. James led all round, Armstrong confining his attention to C. Bouthillier, supposing James to have been distanced in first heat. James won in 1 m. 18 s. On appealing to Judges they decided against the protest, and Armstrong drew out, and James won the deciding heat in 1 m. 15 s.

HALF MILE,—club.—won by George Cowan. in 3 m. Kay gave up when half way round.

The prizes were presented at the close of the races to the winners by Dr. H. A. Howe, Principal of the School.

DOMINION CLUB'S

Third meeting took place on the 17th March, 1869, on the Cricket field, when the race for the "Star" cup formed the chief attraction. Charles Rose, made the *fastest time* on record for half mile, 2 m. 42½ s.

100 YARDS,—HURDLE RACE—open, green,—heats.—was won in two straight heats by Hugh W. Becket, (A) 15 and 16½ s. defeating Tees, Chas. Robinson, C. N. Armstrong, W. Wilson, D. Hurtubise and R. McGinn, all of the "Dominion."

ONE MILE,—open.—"McAvay toddy kettle and goblet" brought out a field of eight, Charles Bouthillier (representing our club), won in 6 m. 3 s. defeating Harry Jones, (A) C. A. Liffiton, S. C. Stevenson and others.

ONE MILE,—club,—"Horn" cup.—won by James Minchin, in 6 m. 19 s. H. Horsnell, Fred McIndoe, L. Moir.

QUARTER MILE,—heats—open.—was won by J. C. James, who galloped away from the whole field in 1.13¼ and 1.25¼. Sam. Massey, Franc O. Wood, Hurtubise, C. N. Armstrong, and Dorion.

TWO MILES,—"Star" cup.—4 starters, John Robinson, W. Harper, (D) H. Beaudry and R. H. Brand, (M).

At one mile and three quarters, Harper pulled up, to the dismay of his backers and Robinson won in 13 m. 5 s. Brand second, 13 m. 31 sec.

HALF MILE,—open—was won by Charles Rose, in 2:42½s. *best upon record*, defeating Chas. Bouthillier, who lost a shoe, N. H. Vosburg, C. A. Liffiton and Sam C. Stevenson, who ran second.

Prizes were presented on the ground, by the President and Stewards.

OTTAWA CLUB'S

Second day's sport came off in Ottawa, on March 22nd. A track had been laid out in Parliament Square, the Course was well kept and the competition keen. Several of our city runners went up including Harper, Robinson, J. D. Armstrong, N. H. Vosburg, S. C. Stevenson, and S. Massey of the "Dominion" H. W. Becket, of "Alexandra" and R. H. Brand, of the "Montreal."

TWO MILES,—"Ottawa" cup, to be held two consecutive years—was won by William Harper, in 13 m. 27 s. defeating

Brown, (Ottawa) 13 m. 57 s. R. H. Brand third, 14 m. 27 sec. Jno. Robinson, J. Hannum.

ONE MILE,—Soldiers' race. Booker, 8 m. 22.

QUARTER MILE,—dash—medal.—was won by Sam C. Stevenson, in 1 m. 20 s. defeating M. Kavanagh, Nelson H. Vosburg.

HURDLE RACE,—100 YARDS,—heats,—open—medal.—was won by J. D. Armstrong, in 13½ and 17 s. Second heat was won by Hugh W. Becket, (A) in 14½ s., who stumbled in last heat, when running off the tie, defeating Sam Massey, M. Kavanagh.

100 YARDS DASH,—medal.—was won by Vosburg, defeating S. C. Stevenson, S. Massey, J. D. Armstrong, H. W. Becket, John Robinson, and M. Kavanagh. 5 heats were run, Becket and others drawing out after first heat.

In the evening the visitors were entertained at dinner by the members of the Ottawa Club, when a very jolly time was spent.

G. T. R. EMPLOYEES RACES.

Took place on the Cricket field, on the 26th March 1869.

HALF MILE,—won by Sam MacDonald, in 3 m. 2½ sec.

100 YARDS DASH.—Sullivan David.

150 YARDS DASH.—George Robinson.

RACE TO LACHINE.

The "Gates" medals given by the Proprietor of the Ottawa Hotel, at Lachine, were competed for during the month of February, 1869. The starting point was at Union Avenue,

course along Sherbrooke Street, through the Toll gate, as far as Cote St. Luke Church, from there each competitor picked his own way. The winning post was the Ottawa Hotel, Lachine.

Nelson H. Vosburg, (1) won the gold medal in 64 m. E. Bulmer second, silver medal, E. Cunningham third, silver medal.

Summary of prizes won by each club during the season.

"Dominion,"	22	first,	5	second,	2	third.
"Montreal,"	12	"	1	"	1	"
"Alexandra,"	6	"	1	"	0	"

SEASON 1869 and 1870.

This season proved to be the most successful so far as regards the special object of the club, viz., the tramps, since the date of its organization.

The records give the average attendance 38, with the largest muster 58.

The list of paid up members shewed a total of 131.

The first tramp took place upon Wednesday evening 24th November, 1869, when four members broke the trail across Mount Royal to the "Bellevue" (Vosburg & Co) The club continued to occupy his Hotel as a Club House, till the 29th December following: when it changed its quarters to the Cote des Neiges Hotel kept by one Decarie,

situated about 150 yards further down the same road.

His Royal Highness, Prince Arthur, then serving in Montreal, as a Lieutenant in the Prince Consort's Own Rifle Brigade, honoured the club by allowing his name to be placed upon the list of Honorary Life Members.

A Committee consisting of Messrs. Arthur Simpson, C. P. Davidson, Angus Grant and the Secretary, were appointed at a meeting in the Club-House on the 13th Jauuary, (33 present) "to confer with "other snow shoe clubs in the city, for the purpose "of carrying out a resolution passed at the annual "meeting, with reference to a Grand Torch-light "procession to take place on the Mountain in honour "of H. R. H. Prince Arthur."

Forty members tramped over the mountain on the Wednesday evening following. The President led the way carrying a torch, but before the "Pines" were reached, it went out, much to his disgust. It was furnished as a sample of those to be used on occasion of the torch-light procession referred to above and was voted totally inadequate to the contemplated magnificence of the occasion.

At a meeting held at the Club-House after the usual tramp on 16th February, (38 members present,)

a silver cup was voted to Mr. D. G. MacDonnell, of Morrisburg, for the quarter mile race on day of our annual races. The club deemed the decision of the Stewards to be at variance with the new racing laws, of whose existence they were either ignorant or of which they misinterpreted the meaning.

Mr. Charles W. Radiger's name was placed upon the list of Life Members.

Messrs. George Sully and William Kissock, were elected members of the club.

The following was the standing of the different clubs and the number of prizes won during the Season in the "open" races.

"Dominion,"	24	first,	4	second,	1 third.
"Montreal,"	17	"	2	"	1 "
"Alexandra,"	6	"	2	"	1 "

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the "Montreal" club took place on Saturday evening the 4th December, 1869, in the Mechanic's Hall, when 30 members were present.

After reading the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, both of which were adopted, the Secretary of the Committee appointed to revise the Bye-laws, (A. Grant) read the Bye-laws as revised, which were adopted and ordered to be

printed. After their adoption, the meeting proceeded to elect Office-bearers for the ensuing Season.

N. H. HUGHES, *President.*

C. W. RADIGER, *1st Vice-President.*

ANGUS GRANT, *2nd Vice-President.*

JOHN ANDERSON, *Secretary.*

ARTHUR SIMPSON, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEE.

J. VANBUSKIRK, ALEX. M. DAVIDSON.
SAMUEL MCDONALD, J. C. IRVINE.
J. C. JAMES, W. L. MALTBY.
W. H. WHYTE.

Messrs. Radiger and John Vanbuskirk, were appointed "to confer with delegates of other clubs in the drafting of snow shoe racing laws."

It was then moved by C. P. Davidson, and seconded by C. W. Radiger, "That we seek the co-operation of the other city clubs with a view to a grand meeting of their members, for a tramp over the mountain during some afternoon or evening to be decided upon hereafter." Carried.

Forty-one new members were proposed and received; among whom were Messrs. John Auld, Robert Crosbie, Hugh W. Becket, Fred. C. A. McIndoe and N. J. Carnegie.

An uniform cap was also adopted viz., Blue "tuque" with scarlet tassel, from this, dates the now familiar cognomen of "Tuque bleue.'

"DOMINION" CLUB STEEPLE CHASE.

Took place across the Mountain about the 19th January, 1870. It was open only to green runners of the club. The prize, a silver medal, presented by Mr. McMaster, Jeweller of this city, was won by A. Stevenson, closely pressed by Chas. Liffiton.

OPEN MOUNTAIN STEEPLE CHASE.

The first steeple chase of the season under the auspices of the "Dominion," for a prize presented by the Stewards of the Athletic meeting held in fall of 1869, in honour of Prince Arthur, took place on Saturday afternoon, the 22nd January, 1870. The weather was very mild and the track in splendid order, which ensured a large field and spirited competition.

Messrs. Charles Boyle and Harry Jones, represented the "Alexandra." Messrs. William Harper, John Robinson, J. W. Minchin, J. H. Brindley, C. A. Liffiton, J. A. Stevenson, J. L. Gilroy, A. Ross, fought for the "Dominion" and Messrs. L. J. Skelton, R. H. Brand, E. E. Broster and J. C. Telfer, sported the "blue tuque" of the "Montreal." A good start was effected and a slashing pace put on; Harper and Boyle kept shoulder to shoulder up the Reservoir Hill, but the superiority of the former's stride soon told and as the mountain proper was reached, he went ahead; through the flat and Cemetery he improved the pace and won in the remarkably good time of 19 m. 32 sec. Boyle 13 sec. behind. Jones 20 m. 22 sec. Brand 20 m. 25 sec. Skelton and Telfer, broke their shoes at an early stage of the race and never had a chance.

The prize was presented to the winner by Colonel J. H. Isaacson.

"VOSBURG" STEEPLE CHASE.

Took place on Saturday 29th January, over the Mountain track, for a gold medal presented by N. H. Vosburg of the "Bellevue." The following gentlemen competed.

"Dominion"—C. Robinson, J. W. Minchin, Wm. Harper, C. Liffiton, J. Gilroy.

"Alexandra," —Charles Boyle, W. K. Roy.

"Montreal,"—L. J. Skelton, R. H. Brand, M. Newell. The race was won by Charles Boyle in 21 m. Skelton second, in 21 ½m.

"DOMINION" (CLUB) RACE.

Took place from Toll Bar on Cote des Neiges Hill to the "Bellevue." The first prize, a gold scarf pin, was won by James Brown, Horace Young, second, C. Robinson, third.

"MONTREAL" MOUNTAIN STEEPLE CHASE.

Open only to members, took place on Wednesday evening the 2nd February. The night was very stormy and the track heavy with drifts.

First, second and third prizes were awarded, as well as a sum of money to be distributed among those who came in within two minutes after the winner.

Leslie Skelton, won in 22 m. 2 sec. (gold signet ring,) Sam. MacDonald, 22½ m. (gold ring), A. M. Davidson, (sleeve links.)

Eleven dollars were distributed between Messrs. Wm. Kissock, R. H. Brand, Fred McIndoe, and M. Newell.

The prizes were presented to the winners by N. H. Hughes, Esq., who in his usual happy vein, congratulated the members upon the success of the weekly tramps, and impressed upon them the necessity for a continuance of the attendance as well of training, if they would hold their own against the other clubs.

After three cheers for the Queen the proceedings came to a close.

"DOMINION" RACES.

Took place on the Cricket field on the afternoon of Saturday, the 5th February 1870. The weather was fine and the entries large.

There were six open races, — "Dominion" won four, "Montreal," one, "Alexandra" one.

TWO MILES, open to whites—$15.00, $5.00. Wm. Harper, (D) 12 m. 47 sec. Charles Boyle, (A) 13m. 8 sec. John Bryan, Harry Jones, J. H. Brindley.

120 YARDS, HURDLE race, — (heats)—medal. — Franc O. Wood, (M) defeating Sam. Massey, Alfred Isaacson, N. E. Lajoie of "Dominion," Hurtubise of "Alexandra" and E. Ermatinger and H. W. Becket of "Montreal."

BOYS QUARTER MILE,—medal.—Farmer, 1 m. 27 sec.

HALF MILE, green,—medal.—Horace Young, (D) in 3 m. R. H. Brand, (M) second. The winner was not a *bona fide* green runner, as he won the G. T. R. club half mile for youths under 17 years at their races in 1869.

TWO MILES,—club cup.—James Mincin, in 13 m. 6½ sec.

100 YARDS DASH,—medal,—won by Sam. Massey, (D) defeating Franc O. Wood, E. Ermatinger, H. W. Becket, Alfred Isaacson, J. Logan and Hurtubise. 5 heats were run.

ONE MILE,—open,—medal.—Only one competitor, John Robinson, time 6 m. 24 sec.

GARRISON QUARTER mile,—was won by Sullivan of the P. C. O. Rifle Brigade.

OPEN HALF MILE,—medal,—was won by D. G. MacDonald, (Morrisburg) in 2 m. 51 sec. Leslie Skelton, (M) second, very close behind.

SUPPER BY A. M'GIBBON, ESQ. TO THE "MONTREAL" CLUB

On Wednesday evening 9th February 1870, the club (on invitation to our President, and announced to the 38 members, after reaching the top of the mountain) dined at Mr. Alex. McGibbon's residence, Cote St. Catherine, where they found, on arrival, quite a company of gentlemen to receive them, among whom were Hon. Henry Starnes, A. W. Ogilvie, M.P.P., Bernard Devlin, James Stewart, "Herald," Wm. McGibbon and M. Hutchison, with others of less note. After a few moments' rest, our kind host announced supper. Upon entering the spacious Supper-Room, a magnificent cold collation met our grateful vision; delicacies, such as seldom greet the eyes of snow-shoers after their Wednesday evening tramp, were laid out in tasteful elegance and profusion. The tables groaned beneath their weight of good things and were radiant with the glistening crystal and gleaming silver service, which did duty on the occasion. After the noisy clatter, attendant upon the discussion of the tempting viands, had subsided, glasses were filled with the "ruby wine" and every thing was ready "for the feast of reason and the flow of soul." The royal toasts were given and received with a warmth only known to snow-shoers. The Volunteers toasts commenced and long and loud were the hearty hurrahs which greeted that

of our "hostess and host," which was drunk with "highland honors." After a very pleasant evening, that long will live in the memory of those participating, the President gave the order to start. "God save the Queen" having been sung, three times three and a "tiger" were given for Mr. and Mrs. McGibbon, which woke the echoes of old Mount Royal, and if such a thing could be "stirred" the silent dead in the adjacent Cemetery.

"GRAND TRUNK" RACES.

Were held upon the Lacrosse ground, Sherbrooke Street, on Wednesday 16th February, having been postponed from the Saturday previous on account of the funeral of Major General Wyndham. The day was very fine and there was a large attendance, the ladies being particularly conspicuous.

The Band of the G. T. Brigade enlivened the proceedings.

The Races were open to all. "Dominion" won five, "Alexandra" one.

TWO MILES,—prizes, $20, $10, $5, $3, with $10, to first white man. Keroniare, 12m. 30s. Daillebout, 12 m. 31 sec. young Thomas, 12 m. 33 sec. Harper, 12 m. 36 sec. J. W. Minchin, C. Boyle.

120 YARDS HURDLE RACE,—prize, $8.00. This was well contested, Sam. Massey, won first heat; H. W. Becket, won second. The third looked well for Becket, but being tripped as he was rising to a hurdle, he fell striking his forehead upon it, which knocked him insensible for a time; on being picked up, he was found considerably shaken, although not seriously hurt. He had however, to retire from the contest. The race fell to Samuel Massey, defeating Wood and Isaacson.

GREEN CLUB RACE,—(silver cup) half mile. — Horace Young, defeating R. H. Brand, (M) who fell at the post, in 2 m. 58¼ sec.

BOYS QUARTER MILE,—Arnold, time 1 m. 31¼ sec.

Among the competitors was C. Lamothe, now one of our best runners.

QUARTER MILE, OPEN,—prizes, $15, and $5. Sam. C. Stevenson, (D,) defeating D. G. McDonnell, (Morrisburg) and eight others, time 1 m. 16 sec.

HALF MILE, SOLDIERS.—Sullivan, time, 3 m. 44 sec.—19 competitors.

100 YARDS DASH, —heats— prize.—$8.00.— 12 started, Becket's chance was thwarted by his unlucky *contre-temps* which prevented him from trying his luck. Sam. Massey, won, defeating Franc O. Wood, J. Logan.

ONE MILE,—silver cup.—Harry Jones, (A) won in 6 m. 19¾ sec. J. Robinson, (D) 6 m. 22.

QUARTER MILE CONSOLATION. — Arch. Stevenson, (D) won.

The prizes were distributed after the races by C. J. Brydges, Esq.

"MONTREAL" CLUB'S ANNUAL RACES

Took place upon the Lacrosse ground, on Saturday afternoon, 19th February. The day was extremely cold. The gentlemen who officiated as Stewards were Messrs. WILLIAM WORKMAN, (Mayor) C. J. BRYDGES, A. W. OGILVIE, and COL. EARLE.

The races were all "open;" two of which were

won by the "Dominion," two by the "Montreal," two by "Alexandra."

FOUR MILES,—prizes—$20, $12, $8, $4. Baptiste Daillebout, 27 m. 4 sec. Thomas, Francis, Delorimier. Keroniare was absent competing in Ottawa.

HALF MILE,—open—medal.—This brought out four of the *elite*, viz., Jones, Boyle, McDonnell and Daillebout. After some little "fuss" about the legality of the Indian's entry, the start was made, with "Mac" and the Indian racing neck and neck some yards in advance of the rest. Harry Jones went to "snow" and Boyle took his place. "Mac" and Daillebout were in the meantime keeping up the pace; near the corner MacDonnell essaying a brush to shake off the Indian, was seen to manipulate his long legs in a fantastic manner, a struggle and a stumble and "Mac" was left upon the snow, with one shoe off. The Indian, to save himself the exertion of replying to the "brush," had taken the easiest way to rid himself of his companion, by treading on his shoe, and ran in a winner in 2 m. 56½ sec.

Daillebout, on coming up to the post, looked as innocent as a "lamb" and listened to McDonnell's protest without winking an eye," so said a contemporary paper, and like enough, as the "gentle savage" was as ignorant of the beauties of the English language as he is of Chinese. The protest was over-ruled, and the "wily" redskin took the medal home to ornament his wigwam.

150 YARDS DASH,—sett of gold studs,—was won by Charles Rose, (D) in 16 ½sec.

TWO MILES,—Club cup.—R. H. Brand, time 13m. 39½s. defeating E. W. Mudge, Fred McIndoe, Newell, and 2 others. Fastest time on record for the "club cup."

HALF MILE GARRISON,—prizes.—$5, $3, $2. Sullivan, won. Clark, Tomlinson, time 3 m. 41 sec.

QUARTER MILE,—heats, silver cup.—5 competed, McDonnell won first heat, Robinson (2), Skelton (3); Skelton ran in winner of next heat, *minus* a shoe. McDonnell objected to his starting in next heat but the Judges over-ruled the protest; thereupon McDonnell withdrew and Skelton ran round alone, and was awarded the cup. Time 1 m. 15 sec. 1 m. 26 sec.

QUARTER MILE, — Boys under 10 years, — medal. — R. Nicholson, defeating 11 competitors in 2 minutes.

QUARTER MILE,—Boys under 14 years, medal.—Charles Lindsay, time 1 m. 35 sec.

120 YARDS, HURDLE RACE—open—belt.—Wood, won first heat, Becket won second, Wood, the third and the race.

ONE MILE,—open,—gold medal.—J. W. Minchin, won in 6 m. 8½ sec. Chas. Boyle, R. H. Brand.

HALF MILE,—green,—medal.—W. K. Roy, (A) won in 2 m. 56½ sec. W. McMaster, (M) second.

After the races the Judges ordered Messrs. Jones and McDonnell, to run off their half mile, though for what object it was impossible to explain, as it was against Daillebout that McDonnell protested; however, they competed, "Mac" winning.

The Indian prizes were then presented, the remainder being handed to the winners at the dinner of the club, which took place in the evening.

"DOMINION" SUPPLEMENTARY RACES.

Took place upon the Lacrosse ground, on March 12th. Some of the fastest time on record was made.

"Montreal" won three, and "Dominion" two of the open events.

ONE MILE.—J. W. Minchin, time 5 m. 55 sec. defeating Charles Boyle, Harry Jones.

TWO MILES.—J. W. Minchin, time 12 m. 33 sec. Boyle second.

THE QUARTER MILE,—best 3 in 5 heats, looked as though it had been specially "cooked" to save it to the club, as Harper the "long distance" man had entered. This did not deter "our" man Skelton from fyling an appearance. At the word "go," Sam. Stevenson, dashed off at a gait that astonished the spectators, but Skelton wisely let him run, saving his distance. The next heat Skelton put to his credit in 1 m. 13 sec. distancing Harper and Sam. Stevenson, which sent them to the "shed" and "Leslie" had the other heats all to himself, despite the efforts of R. H. Brand, whose *forte* was not "*sprint*" running. Time 1 m. 14 sec. 1 m. 25 sec.

100 YARDS DASH,—heats, open—medal,—was won by Wood, defeating Becket, Shea, Young.

HALF MILE,—open—medal.—E. W. Mudge, (M) defeating J. W. Minchin, (D) and A. W. Stevenson, in 2 m. 48½ sec.

QUEBEC CLUB'S RACES.

Took place upon the Esplanade, Quebec, on the 26th February. Several of the Montreal runners went down to compete, viz., John Robinson, Sam. C. Stevenson, Alf. Isaacson, Sam. Massey, N. H. Vosburg of the "Dominion." H. W. Becket, and R. H. Brand of the "Montreal" and Keroniare and B. Daillebout.

"Dominion" won 2 first and three second prizes and "Montreal" 2 first, 1 second, 1 third, in the "open" events.

OPEN HALF MILE,—was won by R. H. Brand, in 3 m. prize, $10. S. C. Stevenson, (2) $5. Gilmour, (Q) $3.

ONE MILE,—open—silver cup,—won by John Robinson, in 6 m. 23 sec. Brand, second.

150 YARDS HURDLE—open,—silver medal, won by H. W. Becket, Sam. Massey second, $5.00. 8 started.

TWO MILES, Indian Race, Keroniare, *($20)* Daillebout, *($10)* R. H. Brand, first white man (silver medal.)

CONSOLATION QUARTER MILE, $5, $3, $2, was won by S. C. Stevenson, N. H. Vosburg, 2. Mulcair, (Q) 3.

Besides the races above mentioned there were others, open only to the club :

ONE MILE RACE, silver cup, — won by C. Douglas, Morkill, (2) Bell, (3).

BOYS, QUARTER MILE,—prize, $3, $2, $1. 22 competitors, Masservy, (1) time 1 m. 33 sec. C. Miller, Ryan.

GARRISON QUARTER MILE. — Patton, Stanford, Penn. Time 2 m.

G. T. R. RACE, QUARTER MILE,—Crean, Barlow.

CLUB QUARTER MILE.—Douglas, Morkill, Wotherspoon, Miller. time 1 m. 26 sec.

100 YARDS, HEATS—CLUB.—Bell won both heats.

BOYS, QUARTER MILE. — Masservy won, C. Lindsay (Montreal) lost his shoe.

In the evening the "Stadacona" Club entertained the visitors to a splendid dinner in the Russell House, where a merry time was spent.

QUEBEC CLUB'S SUPPLEMENTARY RACES.

On the Monday following, there were three competitions on the Esplanade. 100 yards dash in heats. Messrs. Sam. Massey, A. W. and Sam. Stevenson, Vosburg, Brand, Robinson, Bell and Cunningham, competed. Massey won.

BOYS RACE, quarter mile---for boys under 15, prize, silver medal,---4 started. Charles Lindsay, (of Montreal) led all round, but mistaking the dressing tent for winning post, he stopped there and Masservy running on won the race and medal.

The visitors presented a medal to the Quebec Club, for a half mile race open only to green runners, to be competed for during the season.

Brand and Vosburg competed in a two mile race, (private match), Vosburg winning by a short head in 14m. 3 sec.

"TECUMSETH" CUP RACES.

On Saturday Februray 26th 1870, the race for the possession of the "Tecumseth" cup took place, under the auspices of the "Alexandra" Club, upon the Montreal Lacrosse Ground. The track was in fair condition and there was a large attendance of spectators.

There were three "open" events, all of which were won by the "Montreal."

TWO MILE RACE,—"Stroud Cup" open only to members of the "Alexandra," and which had to be won twice to become property of winner, was won by Charles Boyle in 13 m. 58 sec. D. G. McDonnell, (Morrisburg) a poor second, defeating Harry Jones, Gilroy, Thomas Brown, Wm. K. Roy and Cunningham.

GREEN HALF MILE.—"Grant" medal, was won by E. W. Mudge, of the "Montreal," Kiernan second, Parker third.

150 YARDS DASH,—was won by Franc O. Wood, (M) who won second and third heats, Rose, (D) winning first.

TWO MILES,—"Tecumseth Cup."—Wm. Harper won easily in 13m. 15 s. Geo. Massey, (Toronto) gave up on third

quarter. J. W. Minchin second, in 13 m. 34 sec.

Harper having won the "cup" twice in succession, it became his property. Only three men competed.

OPEN HALF MILE,—medal,—was won in a canter by Leslie Skelton of "ours" Charles Liffiton, (D) second. Time 2 m. 56.

HIGH SCHOOL CLUB'S

Races, took place on the Lacrosse ground on March 21st. The weather was very fine and the races were well contested. The *fast time* record was lowered a "peg or two" in the two miles.

There were only two "open" events, "Montreal" and "Alexandra" each winning one.

ONE MILE, club,—silver cup.—H. W. Thomas, 7 m. 7sec. J. Reid, 7 m. 14 sec.

QUARTER MILE, boys under 12.—"Claxton" medal—club. Rutherford, time 1m. 37sec. Bernard, 1m. 41sec. McGibbon, 1 m. 59 sec.

HALF MILE, boys under 15,—silver medal—club.—Charles Lindsay, 3 m. 7½ sec. Brydges.

HALF MILE,—club,—sett gold studs.—Leishman, 3m. 35s.

ONE MILE—club—gold medal.—W. Kay, 6 m. 56¾ sec. Charles Lindsay.

100 YARDS,—heats—club.—H. W. Thomas, 13½s. 13¾s.

TWO MILES, open,—silver cup,—won by Charles Boyle (A) in the *unprecedented* time of 11 m. 55 sec. and the more remarkable as he ran alone. Some doubts were expressed as to the number of laps run, but as the Judges were satisfied that the requisite number had been completed the judgment

was accepted. However, it is doubtful from the fact that in no race, up to this date, had Boyle been able to finish nearer to Keronaire than 50 to 75 yards, the latter's time when in the best "form" was 12 m. 16¾ sec.

OPEN QUARTER MILE, in heats, medal,—was won by Leslie Skelton, in 1 m. 11 sec. and "walk-over" in 1 m. 25 s.

PRIVATE MATCHES.

On March 21st 1870. A match took place after the High School Races, between Messrs. Franc O. Wood and R. H. Brand, the former to run on snow shoes, the latter in spiked shoes, distance, quarter of a mile, Wood being allowed 40 yards start. Wood won easily.

The same gentleman (R. H. B.) immediately after undertook to run Mr. Harry Jones, on Sherbrooke Street, the same distance and on the same conditions, which was won by Jones easily.

MACDONNELL—JONES MATCH.

Between Messrs. D. G. MacDonnell, of Morrisburg and Harry Jones of the "Alexandra" took place upon the Lacrosse grounds. The track was heavy, the snow being wet and porous. Jones led the first quarter in 1 m. 25 sec. MacDonnell cutting him down and finally winning in 6 m. Jones 6 m. 9 sec.

HARPER—BOYLE MATCH.

Was decided upon the Lacrosse ground, on the morning of the 27th March. The distance was two miles and both men were in first class trim. There was a large attendance of

spectators and the appearance of the men upon the track excited the warmest interest, although very little betting was indulged in. Boyle led from the start and made the pace "hot" from the word "go," which soon told upon Harper, who gradually lost ground till on the seventh quarter when 75 yards in the rear, he threw up the sponge and Boyle completed the distance in 12 m. 16¾ sec.

"OTTAWA" CLUB'S RACES.

Took place in Ottawa, on the 21st February 1870. On this occasion William Harper of the "Dominion" Club, ran the second heat for the possession of the "Ottawa" Cup which he won easily.

100 YARDS DASH in heats—medal.—M. Kavanagh, (O) N. H. Vosburg, (D) second, W. MacDougall, (O) third, H. G. Young, (D).

OTTAWA CUP, value $100.—two miles.—Wm. Harper, (D) first, T. Brown, (O) second, T. Hannum, T. Cluff, H. Cluff, Jos. Dorion, E. H. Benjamin.

BOYS QUARTER MILE,—prize, snow shoes.—Weatherly, (1) Chas. Walsh, F. Duncan, T. Kavanagh, C. Kavanagh, J. Leslie, T. Bangs, J. Leslie.

QUARTER MILE—club race, prize,—medal.—M. Kavanagh, (1), T. Hannum, G. Levin, W. MacDougall.

INDIAN RACE, two miles, open to all,—first $20, second $10, — medal to 1st white man, — Keroniare, (1) Daillebout, (2) N. H. Vosburg, (3).

SOLDIERS' RACE, one mile—1st $5, 2nd $3, 3rd $2. Madin, (1) Reed, (2) Bulger, (3) Elborne.

HALF MILE, open, prize medal.—Wm. Harper, (1) H. G. Young, M. Kavanagh.

Club race—two miles,—medal presented by the "Dominion" Club of Montreal.—T. Brown, (1) H. Cluff, W. MacDougall.

HURDLE RACE—120 yards,—silver medal.—M. Kavanagh, (1) W. MacDougall (2).

Consolation quarter—only one competitor, H. G. Young, who walked over.

"ALEXANDRA" CLUB'S RACES.

Took place on the Lacrosse Ground on Saturday afternoon, the 5th March 1870. The day was very fine and the attendance large, especially of the fair sex, who were attracted no doubt by the presence of H. R. H. Prince Arthur, and suite.

There were six open events, four of which were won by the "tuque bleue."

Keroniare made the *fastest* time on the Indian record for two miles, 12 m. 21 sec.

TWO MILES, Indian race—prizes, 1st $15, Keroniare, 12 m. 21 sec. Francis Louis, (2) 12 m. 29 sec. B. Daillebout, Pierre Thomas, Frank De Lorimier. N. H. Vosburg winning prize of $10, for first white man.

QUARTER MILE, heats, "Beaufield" medal,—won by Leslie Skelton, (M in 1 m. 13 sec. 1 m. 18¼ sec. Sam. C. Stevenson, second.

TWO MILES,—club race—C. Boyle, first, 12 m. 55 sec. W. K. Roy, 13 m. 27 sec. Jacques, A. Birks, Stevenson.

120 YARDS, dash in heats, open—medal.—F. O. Wood, (M) 16 s. 15¼ sec. M. Shea, James, Sam. Massey.

BOYS QUARTER MILE race, under 10 years, medal—second snow shoes,—R. Nicholson, first, 1 m. 40 sec. H. B. Jones, second, 1 m. 50 sec.

TWO MILES, club race, "Stroud" cup.—Charles Boyle, 12 m. 46 sec. H. Jones second. 2 competed.

120 YARDS, hurdle race,—F. O. Wood, won in 17¾ sec. Becket second. In second heat, Becket led to third hurdle, when he slipped and Wood won heat and race, Sam. Massey third.

HALF MILE, open, medal.—Leslie Skelton first, 2 m. 52 s. E. W. Mudge, second, R. H. Brand, third, J. Robinson, (D) J. H. Parker.

ONE MILE OPEN, "Kay" medal.—Jas. W. Minchin, (D) 6 m. 11 sec. Johnson falling out at third quarter, winner finishing alone.

SEASON 1870 and 1871.

Was remarkable for its very unfavourable and disagreeable weather; this served to lessen the attendance at the weekly tramps, which was below the average of the last season.

There were 120 names upon the Roll, average attendance at the tramps 22, largest muster 40.

The first tramp took place on Wednesday evening, 16th November 1870, when sixteen tramped on foot over a *very dusty* road to the "Bellevue," Cote des Neiges, kept by Messrs. Brand and Vosburg.

Wet weather prevented the Club's appearance on snow shoes till the evening of the 14th December, when Mr. Angus Grant,—representing the *spirit* of the "tuque bleue"—tempted by the faintest suspicion of snow, and braving the chances of broken limbs and shoes, broke the *trail* across Mount Royal. The weather was so unpropitious that only Messrs. Chas. W. Radiger and Wm. Sauvalle,—a friend from Cuba,—who drove out in a sleigh, were on hand to greet the enthusiastic Grant at the Club house.

On Wednesday evening, the 21st December, twenty-five members, followed Radiger's lead, for the first tramp on snow shoes across the mountain; ten more went on foot by the road. The track was heavy, but the "shoers" were so delighted to see the "beautiful," however weighty, that it was passed over without a murmur. It is needless to say that the Club House being reached the time was spent in a way only known to the "tuque bleue."

The Saturday afternoon tramps were few, but well attended. Lachine was visited twice with an average of 19, largest muster 26. Dined at the Ottawa Hotel, where on one occasion we met and fraternized with the Montreal Driving Club, when a jolly time was spent. The club was led on these occasions by Messrs. Radiger and Hughes.

Bougie's corners, on the Back River Road, was

also visited, when two veterans Messrs. Jno. Murray and Rintoul led 17 members to the Hotel there.

During the season the club had the misfortune to lose the services of two of its most efficient members, Messrs. MacDonald and Radiger, both of whom left town to fill important situations in the west of Canada; but as their departure was the occasion of some demonstration on the part of the club, fuller particulars will be found further on.

Among the prizes presented, was one by Messrs. Cohen and Lopez, in the shape of a splendidly carved meerschaum pipe. The conditions being as follows: "That the "Grand Trunk," "Montreal," and "Alexandra" Clubs, subscribe the sum of $15 each to be presented to the Montreal General Hospital, in the name of Messrs. Cohen and Lopez. Race to be mile heats, best two in three."

This prize was won by a professional runner Mr. J. F. Scholes, of Toronto, who, during the season made some of the fastest time on record.

The following gentlemen joined the club; Messrs. Samuel Massey, Charles Skelton, John Alexander, D. E. Bowie, Wentworth Wood and J. R. McKedie.

SUMMARY OF OPEN RACES WON DURING THE SEASON.

	1st prize.	2nd prize.	3rd prize.
"Montreal,"	11,	1,	0.
"Canada,"	11,	0,	0.
"Toronto,"	5,	0,	0.
"Alexandra,"	4,	0,	0.
"Dominion,"		1,	2.

ANNUAL MEETING,

Took place in the Mechanics' Hall, on the evening of the 19th November 1870, when forty members were present. After hearing the reading of the Secretary and Treasurer's Reports, which were received and adopted, the following gentlemen were elected Office-bearers for the season.

NICHOLAS H. HUGHES.—*President.*
CHARLES W. RADIGER.—*1st Vice-President.*
ANGUS GRANT.—*2nd Vice President.*
WILLIAM H. WHYTE.—*Secretary.*
HUGH W. BECKET.—*Treasurer.*

Committee.

Wm. L. Maltby,	Sam. McDonald,	John Anderson.
Jno. Van Buskirk,	Richard Tate,	J. C. Irvine.
	William Campbell.	

There were ten new members elected at this meeting.

GREEN MOUNTAIN STEEPLE CHASE.

Open to members of all clubs, took place on the evening of Dec., 24th 1870. The night was very dark, making it almost impossible for the men to keep the track. The race was from the College gates over the usual track, to the "Bellevue," and the prize a gold medal, was presented by Vosburg of the "Bellevue."

The contestants were, Messrs. Gilroy, W. Kissock, Speavy, Robinson, Biron, Hughes, McIndoe and Murphy.

The race was won by Gilroy of the "Alexandra" in 27 m. Fred. MacIndoe of "ours" a close second, Murphy third.

GREEN MOUNTAIN STEEPLE CHASE,

For members of the club took place on Wednesday evening, January 4th 1871. It was a bright, clear moonlight night, which attracted a large number of the members to the tramp, although only ten men started in the race from the College gate.

Charles Skelton led the whole way and won a good race in 22 m. 10 sec. prize, dressing case.

Fred. MacIndoe, second, in 22 m. 15 sec. gold locket.

John Alexander, third, 23 m. 48 sec. sett shirt studs.

Judges, Messrs. H. W. Becket and Wm. H. Whyte, Referee, N. H. Hughes, Esq. Starter and time keeper, C. W. Radiger, Esq.

The prizes were presented by the President, who accompanied each with a neat speech.

COTE DES NEIGES vs. ST. LAURENT.

A rather interesting race took place on the 14th January, 1871, between two country teams, the Cote des Neiges and St. Laurent, the prize $20. Course from St. Laurent Village across the country to the bridge at the Back River, a distance of about two and a half miles.

The teams were as follows, *St. Laurent*, John and William Bromley, Robert Muir, Robert Martin, and Thomas Burton. *Cote des Neiges*, William and John Collins, Alfred and George Dale, and Hugh Murphy. The Cote des Neiges Club, through Mr. William Collins, won in 19 m. 10 sec. ; the first man of the St. Laurent Club being 150 yards in the rear.

ANNUAL CLUB MOUNTAIN STEEPLE CHASE.

Took place on Saturday afternoon the 14th January 1871. Messrs. Whyte and Becket, officiated as Judges, John Anderson, Referee, Angus Grant, starter and time keeper.

The day was fine and the race well contested. Brand cast a shoe in the Cemetery, and ran in home some distance ahead, without that necessary appendage, which circumstance marred his chances, he being ruled out, the medal going to the second man.

Samuel MacDonald won the gold medal, in 23 m. 5 sec.

Charles Skelton, the gold locket, in 23 m. 27 sec.

Fred. MacIndoe, the sett of studs, in 24½ m.

After the presentation, Mr. R. H. Brand, challenged the winner to run him over the same course, allowing 30 yards start but without a response. 9 men competed.

"ALEXANDRA CLUB" STEEPLE CHASE.

Took place the same afternoon, an hour before the "Montreal" race, when the following prizes were given, gold medal, silver medal, and sett of studs. William K. Roy, won in 22 m. 43 sec. Chas. Boyle, in 22 m. 50 sec. Gilroy, in 23m.

"THE BABES IN THE WOOD."

About January the 19th, the following incident occurred, the report clipped from a contemporary paper we give as follows:

"A number of amateur snow shoers, blinded by the snow storm of Friday night, got into a muddle as to the route over the mountain, and wandered helplessly about until by good luck, they were picked up by some members of the "Montreal" club, (Messrs. James K. Whyte, Charles Skelton, Samuel

Massey and Hugh W. Becket) who were out for a quiet tramp. Their companions whom they had strayed from, were found and brought in by the "Telegraph" club, led by Mr. Angus Grant, the "2nd Vice" of the "Montreal," and safely guided to the Club House in Cote des Neiges, where they found the "Babes" safely moored by the stove."

DOMINION CLUB'S STEEPLE CHASE

Took place over the Mountain on Tuesday, 23rd January, when N. H. Vosburg won, Chas. Robinson, (2) H. Murphy, (3) Hurtubise, (4). The weather was very cold and the winner badly frost bitten.

"CANADA" CLUB'S STEEPLE CHASE.

Took place over the Mountain track to the "Bellevue." Five competed. Bedard won, Lajoie second.

J. W. Ostell, led to "Allans" when Thomas Nelson passed him and led to the "pines" where exhausted nature warned him by the presence of a "stitch" to desist; falling out, he was passed by Bedard, who led to the winning post.

"CANADA" CLUB,

One mile race was contested on the Lacrosse ground, on Saturday afternoon, January 28th. Messrs. Harry Starnes, A. W. Stevenson, J. W. Ostell and J. D. Armstrong, competed; the latter won in 6 m. 22 sec. Stevenson second, Ostell third.

Mountain Steeple chase, took place about the 28th January, 1871. Sixteen started—first prize was won by Mr. Mawer, in 23 m. 58 sec. W. Scott and R. Adams, second and third.

"MAPLE LEAF" CLUB'S STEEPLE CHASE.

Over the mountain track, took place upon Saturday 28th January, when 15 started.

Walker won the silver medal in 19 m. (?) Short second, Simpson third. The time is the fastest on record, (but very questionable,) as the winner never shewed anywhere near the front in steeple chases run in much slower time.

TRAMP TO LACHINE.

On Saturday afternoon 28th January, the club mustering 26 men met upon the Lacrosse ground for a tramp to Lachine. The day was bright and clear, in fact everything that the most fastidious snow shoer could have desired. N. H. Hughes, (rather familiarly called "old Nick") and his dog "Scout" took the lead; we started off at a good pace, walking along Sherbrooke Street, to the Cote St. Catherine corner, where we donned the "shoe" and striking off into the fields, steered for the tall towers of the Lachine cathedral, which could be seen from the height, away off in the distance glimmering in the sunlight. As we tramped swiftly along the face of the height, we soon reached the hollows where the "towering beacons" were lost to view and we sought for a guide in "old Nick,"—who in ordinary circumstances would hardly be a person fitted to appeal to, should one's wandering feet be tempted to stray in paths

unknown, but as the gentleman mentioned had no connection with the party who bears the original title,—our confidence was not misplaced, and placing implicit reliance in his ability to lead us anywhere but on the "broad and open way," all care was thrown to the winds that whistled cheerily through the trees, "sweet freedom's happy notes we love to hear," as trudging along, taking fences and rails with a bound, and a hearty laugh as a novice, attempting to follow in the footsteps of some veteran "hurdler" found himself buried to his waist-belt in the snow. Soon we "struck" the "switch" and a rousing "tally ho" from our leader was the signal for a grand dash, and the honour of "first man in." After that little difficulty was surmounted, and shoes and moccasins off, we gathered in the parlour, where song and dance wiled away the time till supper was announced,—which being the handiwork of Mrs. Hanna, it is needless to say was well attended to. After supper a revised edition of the *pre* prandial performance was issued and the dance,—which is well calculated to settle (or rather unsettle some might say) the most indigestible of meals—was indulged in till about 9.45, when the "Home" signal was given, "God save the Queen" sung, three cheers for the same noble lady, the trail struck and after an hour and a half's travelling the city reached.

Presentation to Mr. Sam. MacDonald.

On Wednesday evening, February 1st, the Club gave an Oyster supper at the Club-house to an old member Mr. Sam. MacDonald, who was leaving Montreal, to reside in Oshawa, Ont. Forty members tramped over the Mountain to the Bellevue. After an hour's pleasant chat the supper was announced and every one having taken his seat little

was heard for another hour save the rattle of the spoons and the apparatus used upon like occasions. After the cloth was cleared and the loyal toasts disposed of, "Sam's" health was proposed and drunk with highland honours, three times three and a "tiger" being given. The uproar having subsided "Sam" feelingly responded, other toasts were proposed and that of our "Sister clubs" found a champion in Mr. Arthur Birks, of the "Alexandra."

At this stage of the proceedings Mr. MacDonald was presented by the members with an address and a very handsome silver mounted dressing case. Song and speech followed one another, till the striking of the midnight hour warned the "shoers" that they had already overstepped the orthodox hour of the fraternity.

After three times three again for our old friend "Sam," God save the Queen was sung and with a "hip hip" hurrah for Her, the route home was taken up, while some who there had *drived*,

"drove back to town a glorious few,"
"And among them some hard cases,"

but to the credit of the sport *not* orthodox snow shoers.

DOMINION CLUB'S ANNUAL RACES.

Took place upon the Lacrosse ground on Saturday afternoon, February 4th. The weather was bitterly cold. There were five open races, not including the Indian race.

Two of these were won by the "Montreal," two by the "Canada," one by the "Alexandra."

INDIAN TWO MILES,—won by Keroniare, in 13 m. 22¾ s. W. K. Roy, (A) second, E. W. Mudge, (M) third, W. Collins. 4 starters.

QUARTER MILE, boys race,—Charles Lindsay, won in 1 m. 32½ sec. R. McGillis, (2) R. Scott, (3).

120 YARDS, HURDLE RACE, in heats,—silver medal,—was competed for by F. O. Wood, H. W. Becket, and Sam. Massey, all of the "Montreal."

Wood won first heat, Massey withdrew.

Becket won the second, but in the meantime had his ears and toes so badly frost bitten, that he was forced to relinquish the contest. Wood ran the last heat alone.

HALF MILE,—green race,—silver medal,—was won by Wm. Kissock, (M) in 2 m. 59¼ sec. defeating J. Alexander, (M) second and seven others.

TWO MILES,—club cup,—won by N. H. Vosburg, in 14m. A. H. Isaccson and Charles Robinson, both withdrew, one at second lap, the other after one mile.

100 YARDS DASH in heats,—medal,—won by J. D. Armstrong, (C) in two straight heats in 12½ and 12¼ sec. defeating Sam. Massey, (M) D. E. Bowie, (M).

QUARTER MILE DASH,—won by J. D. Armstrong, (C) in 1 m. 16¾ sec. S. Massey, (2) S. C. Stevenson, (3). 3 competitors.

ONE MILE,—open,—walk over for Charles Boyle, (A) in 6 m. 15 sec.

GRAND TRUNK CLUB'S ANNUAL RACES.

Took place upon the Lacrosse ground, on Saturday afternoon, 11th February. The day was very fine, and a large crowd of people was present

to witness the sport. The races were all open, and although one or two were advertised as "Club" races, can hardly be looked upon in the same light as those of a like nature in other clubs; the G. T. R. being a private organization (employment in the Company's offices constituting membership) some of its members being also in the ranks of other city clubs

The first heat for the "Cohen and Lopez presentation pipe," was run for and carried off by one of the "tuque bleue."

There were seven open races. Four were won by the "Montreal," two by the "Canada." and one by the Indians.

TWO MILES Indian race,—Keroniare won in 11½ m. the *fastest upon record.* Baptiste Daillebout, (2) young Thomas, (3) Charles Boyle, (4) 200 yards behind. 7 competitors. This was Baptiste Daillebout's first appearance since his arrival from England and he was out of condition.

100 YARDS, HURDLE RACE,—$8.00,—heats,—was the prettiest race of the day, J. D. Armstrong, F. O. Wood, H. W. Becket and Hurtubise, toed the scratch and as the pistol snapped, Armstrong sprang to the front and won the first heat in 14½ sec.

Second heat was a "tie" between Wood and Becket, in 14¾ sec.

The third heat was run on level terms, Wood, Armstrong and Becket, taking every hurdle together, till Becket stumbled between the third and fourth, and was out of the race which was won by Armstrong in 15 sec.

ONE MILE,—first heat for the "Cohen & Lopez pipe." Messrs. Jno. Brindley, Charles Boyle, Ross of the "Alexandra" R. H. Brand, E. W. Mudge, Charles Skelton, of "Montreal" W. Harper, "Dominion" and J. F. Scholes of Toronto, came to the "scratch." Brand led off making the pace hot enough for the best. At the third corner Harper crept up to him but Brand increased the "pace a few;" watching his opportunity Harper dashed to the front, pressed by Brand. On the last round at the west corner Harper gave up, fairly pumped, and Brand once more led the field until the last 100 yards, when E. W. Mudge, who had been quietly creeping up, "went for him" and won a game race in 5 m. 56¼ sec. Brand second.

100 YARDS DASH,—in heats,—($8.00), 5 entries. Messrs. Franc O. Wood and D. E. Bowie, (Montreal) D. R. Hurtubise, H. G. Young, (Dominion) J. F. Scholes, (Toronto) Young won first heat in 12 sec. Wood second heat in 12½ s. Third heat was a tie between Bowie and Young, fourth heat was won by Bowie, the fifth and last with the race by Wood, in 13 sec.

OPEN QUARTER MILE,—dash,—in heats,—gold medal,—was won by J. D. Armstrong, (C) in 1 m. 16¼ sec. and 1 m. 18 sec. defeating W. K. Roy and C. N. Armstrong.

ONE MILE,—club,—silver cup,—brought out only one competitor R. H. Brand, who ran over alone in 6 m. 26½ s.

CONSOLATION QUARTER MILE DASH,—Three prizes, $5, $3, $2, was won by Charles Skelton, (M) in 1 m. 16 sec. H. G. Young second, Hurtubise third. 8 competed.

ANNUAL DINNER.

On Saturday the 18th February, the annual races of the club were to have taken place, but the morning broke dark

and cloudy and soon rain commenced to fall, which continued all day, much to the disappointment of members and others interested in the sport. After waiting vainly, in the hope that the weather would clear off, it was decided to postpone the races.

The annual dinner took place in the evening in the Queen's Chop House, (Ebbitts) the fury of the elements tending little towards diminishing the attendance and appetite of the members, who were present in large numbers, 43 sitting down.

Among the guests were Colonel Osborne Smith, Messrs. James Stewart, "Herald," T. B. Warren, President of "Alexandra," and Sam C. Stevenson, of "Dominion."

The chair was taken by N. H. Hughes, Esq., Colonel Smith, responded on behalf of the "Army and Navy," and in the course of his speech made the following complimentary allusion to snow shoers. "That during the late Fenian raid (he commanded the Victoria Rifles) he had no men under his command who bore fatigue better or performed their duties in a more creditable manner than the snow shoers." He strongly advocated athletic exercises and said "that a well-trained youth generally ended in a well developed old age." The evening passed away quite pleasantly with song and speech, although the one topic "the races" was wanting to give some point to conversation and a chance for the competitors to "fight their battles o'er again." The party broke up about midnight.

ANNUAL RACES

Took place upon Wednesday the 22nd of Feb., when we were amply repaid the disappointment of the previous Saturday, by the glorious sunshine which ushered in our race day. The track was fast, the

friends of the club, both ladies and gentlemen turned out in large numbers to witness our sports, and taking everything into consideration the "old club" lost nothing by the postponement.

The Stewards were, His Honour the Mayor, Wm. Workman, Col. Osborne Smith, and Messrs. C. J. Brydges, and W. W. Ogilvie.

There were seven "open" races. "Montreal" won two, "Canada" two, Scholes, of Toronto, two, Indians, one.

INDIAN FOUR MILES

Race for $20, $10, $5, $3, $2, prizes. The race was well contested between them, but Keroniare and Daillebout, soon parted company with their brethren and the interest centered upon these two; Keroniare quietly drew away from Daillebout, and won a good race in 24 m. 4 sec. Daillebout second.

100 YARDS HURDLE RACE,

Prize, gold medal, was won by H. W. Becket, in 14¾ sec. F. O. Wood, who was suffering from a sprained foot, only competing in first heat. Second heat being a walk over for Becket, in 17 sec.

ONE MILE, COHEN & LOPEZ PRIZE.

The second heat of one mile for this prize, next engaged the attention of the spectators; Messrs. Mudge, Brand, J. F. Scholes, and Boyle, toed the scratch. At the word "go" Mudge went to the front and led the first quarter, when he was cut down by Brand, and then by Scholes, who repeated the "surgical" performance soon after on Brand, leading from the half mile to the winning post, and beating Brand by about 10 feet in 5 m. 39¾ sec.

BOYS RACE.

Quarter mile,—was won by Farmer from a field of ten, in 1 m. 23¾ sec. Kay, (2) Guoin, (3) Charlie Lindsay, (4).

HALF MILE GREEN,

Prize, gold medal. As there were 13 starters, it was decided to run them off in two lots. Seven started for the first heat which was won by Scholes, (Toronto) in 2 m. 52 sec. The second heat was won by Alex. Somerville, (M) in 3 m. 12sec. Scholes won the third heat and race in 3 m. 32 sec. Somerville having given up when about three quarters round.

CLUB CUP

Two miles,—was competed for by Messrs. Wm. Kissock and John Alexander. It was won easily by Kissock, (who led from the start) in the *fastest time* upon the club cup records, viz., 12 m. 36½ sec. He was a remarkably strong and pretty runner and bid fair to make his mark among the runners of the time to come.

100 YARDS DASH,

Gold medal,—brought out Messrs. H. G. Young, J. D. Armstrong, F. O. Wood, D. E. Bowie, J. Murphy, Thos. Foy. First heat was won by Armstrong, in 11½ sec. Wood, close up, Armstrong also won the next heat, Bowie second, Wood having retired.

QUARTER MILE DASH,

In heats, gold medal,—brought out Armstrong, Massey and Bowie, Armstrong won first heat in 1 m. 15½ sec. Massey second. He also won the second in 1 m. 19¼ sec. Massey second, Bowie having retired.

HALF MILE OPEN,

Brought out the best field of the day, Edward Mudge, J. F. Scholes, Chas. Skelton, R. H. Brand. Skelton led the first quarter, Brand close up, Scholes third, Mudge long way behind. These positions were unchanged till the run "home" when Brand crept to the front and won in 2 m. 43¾ seconds, Scholes about a yard behind.

The meeting closed with presentation of prizes and cheers for the Queen and Stewards.

"ALEXANDRA" CLUB'S ANNUAL RACES.

Took place on Saturday, February 25th. The weather was clear and pleasant. The track was very poor and was in that "sugary" condition, the result of a two days determined thaw.

There were six open races two of which were won by the "Montreal," two by the "Canada." one by the Indians.

The second heat for the "Cohen & Lopez" pipe was won by Scholes, of Toronto.

TWO MILES Indian race,—prizes,—$10, $6, $4, and $8, to first white man, brought out four Indians, Blacklock and Charles Boyle. Keroniare won in 14 m 52½ sec. B. Daillebout, had to drop out, having broken his shoe, Boyle second, all the rest dropped out.

100 YARDS DASH,—in heats,—medal,—3 competitors,—won by J. D. Armstrong, (c) in 15¼ and 14½ sec. H. G. Young, (2) D. E. Bowie, (3).

BOYS QUARTER MILE,—won by Charles McIver, in 1 m. 53¾ sec. from a field of ten, Nicholson, (2) Sache, (3).

ONE MILE "PIPE" RACE.

The great event of the day, brought Brand, Mudge and Scholes to the post. Great interest was manifested in this race as it was likely to be the last heat, if Scholes or Mudge shewed up in "good form" Mudge and Brand were very unfortunate and fell repeatedly, giving the "pipe" and race to Scholes in 7 m. 5¼ sec.

100 YARDS HURDLE RACE,—was a walk over for J. D. Armstrong, (C).

QUARTER MILE HEATS, — medal, — was won by Sam. Massey, in 1.25 and 1.24½ sec. defeating R. H. Brand, J. F. Scholes, H. G. Young and Thomas Foy.

100 YARDS CLUB RACE,—"Rodger" gold medal.—was won by John Stephenson, in 15¾ and 16¾ sec. W. K. Roy, winning second heat.

TWO MILE club cup,—brought out W. K. Roy, and J. J. Gilroy. Roy won in 14 m. 2½ sec.

HALF MILE, GREEN RACE, — medal, — won by Russ Huntingdon, (M) in 3½ m. beating Charlie Lindsay, Murphy, J. Bowden.

ALEXANDRA CLUB'S SUPPLEMENTARY RACES

Took place on Saturday, March 11th. Track was very slushy and soft. Very few spectators were present.

There were 4 "open events." "Alexandra" won two, "Canada" one, "Toronto" one.

ONE MILE,—"Reinhardt" gold medal,—J. F. Scholes, won in 7 m. 11 sec R. H. Brand second, N. H. Vosburg drew out.

HALF MILE, — club, — "Kay" medal,—two competed, W. K. Roy and Charles Boyle. Roy led from start and won in 3 m. 10½ sec.

QUARTER MILE, boys,—won by Kay,—defeating a field of ten including five Indian boys, in 1 m. 41 sec. Reinhardt second.

TWO MILES, — handicap, — "Stroud" cup. A good race and brought out the following men, J. F. Scholes, scratch,

R. H. Brand, 25 yds. Charles Boyle, 30 yds. W. K. Roy, 50 yds. James Armstrong and John Simpson, 100 yds. Scholes could not catch Boyle, and dropped out at end of seventh quarter with both shoes broken, all the others stopped before the first mile was completed. Boyle finished alone in 14 m. 19 sec.

QUARTER MILE, — heats, — gold medal, — brought out Keroniare, and Armstrong. Armstrong protested on the ground that the Indian had not entered at the proper time On the President agreeing that the race should be a single dash (instead of heats,) he consented to compete and beat the Indian easily in 1 m. 14 sec. The President however, failed to notify the Judges of the change and they very properly ordered the second heat to be run. Armstrong refused to do so and the Indian covered the distance alone. No decision was given as to who was the winner, although Armstrong should have been awarded the prize. It was we believe afterwards presented to him.

The next race was for beaten competitors in the "Pipe" race — distance one mile — prize, a meerschaum pipe. Messrs. Boyle, R. H. Brand and J. Brindley competed. Chas Boyle won in 7 m. 15¼ sec. Brand second.

"MAPLE LEAF" CLUB'S ANNUAL RACES.

The first Annual races of this club took place on the Lacrosse ground, on the 4th March. The weather was very fine and the track good.

There were 4 "open" events, two were won by the "Canada," one by the "Montreal," and one by J. F. Scholes of Toronto.

The fastest quarter mile on record was made by J. D. Armstrong, time 65 sec.

TWO MILES,—club cup,—11 competitors,—won by James Armstrong, in 13 m. 17 sec. Walker, (2) Saunders, (3).

100 YARDS, HEATS,—medal,—2 competitors,—won by J. D. Armstrong, (C) in two heats, 12 s. each, H. G. Young (2).

QUARTER MILE,—boys,—15 competed,—run off in two squads,—Ermatinger led one lot in 1 m. 33 sec. Nicholson the second lot in 1 m. 42 sec. The deciding heat was won by Nicholson in 1 m. 33 sec.

HALF MILE,—club,—7 competitors,—John Bowden, first in 3 m. 1½ sec. Clark second.

TWO MILES,—open to all,—R. H. Brand, J. F. Scholes, W. K. Roy and Charles Boyle competed. Scholes won in the fast time of 12 m. 6½ sec. Brand second. The winner was a very graceful runner and his performance did him the greatest credit, as he had never used a snow shoe before this season.

HALF MILE, GREEN,—8 competed,—won by Wentworth Wood, (M) in 3 m. 7¼ sec. McBurney, second.

QUARTER MILE DASH, — brought J. D. Armstrong and S. Massey to the post. At the word "go" Armstrong dashed off with the lead, and on the flat left Massey as though he had been standing still, winning in the *fastest time* on record 65 sec.

100 YARDS,—club medal,—won by W. Tees in two heats, 13¾ and 13¾ sec.

Prizes were distributed by N. H. Hughes, Esq., after the races.

KERONIARE vs. SCHOLES,

Match of one mile, Scholes receiving 60 yards, came off March 10th, on the Lacrosse ground. The track was

wretched and the time poor. Scholes increased his lead some 10 yards in first quarter, but Keroniare picked up fast in the second, the white only leading some thirty yards. Passing the Judges stand on the third quarter the Indian passed his man and led the rest of the way. winning in 6m. 25¼ sec. Scholes 1700 yards, 6 m. 35 sec.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING,

Took place at the "Queens" Chop House on Saturday evening the 22nd April, when Mr. H. W. Becket the Treasurer, read his annual report, which proved satisfactory, there being a balance on hand, after paying all accounts, of ($20) Twenty dollars. After this business was disposed of the President called the attention of the members to the

FAREWELL SUPPER TO C. W. RADIGER, Esq.

Previous to his departure for Manitoba. Fifty members were present and the chair was occupied by N. H. Hughes, Esq., Messrs. Angus Grant and W. H. Whyte, acted as Vice Chairmen. A good supper was disposed of and the usual loyal toasts drunk. In responding to the toast of the evening, Mr. Radiger, took occasion to "recommend the abolition of separate club racing days and the institution of one grand Tournament to last two or three days, thus leaving the long Saturday afternoons free for the tramps about the country, which was what snow shoers wanted, if ever they expected to turn snow shoeing to any practical account."

Mr. Wm. H. Whyte, the Secretary, on behalf of the club presented Mr. Radiger with a very elegant Russia leather dressing case, handsomely mounted and with a suitable inscription, as a slight token of the esteem in which he was held by the club.

During the evening many excellent songs were sung by Messrs. Hughes, Murray, Maltby, Watts, Radiger, Whyte and others. The company broke up about 12, with three cheers for the guests of the evening and "God save the Queen."

HIGH SCHOOL RACES,

Which were to have taken place about the 22nd April, did not come off on account of the sudden thaw and disappearance of the snow. Foot races were held on the first Saturday in May.

DEATH OF THE "DOMINION CLUB."

This Club which was organized in 1867, came to an untimely end this season. It numbered among its members some of the fastest men of the day, and proved a strong rival to the "Montreal."

Messrs. J. D. Armstrong, Sam. C. Stevenson, C. D. Rose and Sam. Massey, in races from 100 yds. to half mile; Wm. Harper, John Robinson, and J. W. Minchin, from half mile to two miles, were runners whose records shew a long list of victories won over the best runners of clubs, East and West.

The weekly "meet" at the Club-house was rather musical in its style, many of the men ranking high in the profession. We have had two of the club ditties handed us, which we annex.

SNOW SHOEING.

AIR.—*Hey, diddle, diddle, etc.*

Stern winter now is here again,
The snows around us fall,
And ice, and cold and snow and frost
Are here in Montreal.
But with all these come manly sports,
And happy pleasant times,
And health and strength and senses keen
Unknown in Southern climes.

CHORUS.—Hey, diddle diddle,
The cat and the fiddle,
The cow jumped over the moon,
The little dog laughed to see the fine sport
And the dish ran away with the spoon-oon-oon-oon.

Boast not to us of theatre
Of masquerade or ball,
One goodly tramp with snow shoes on
By far exceeds them all.
The former makes you pale and wan,
The latter, health bestows,
There's nought for us then like a march
Of miles upon the snow.

CHORUS.—Hey, diddle, etc.

Then leave the city life behind
Its bustle and its noise,
And join with me this merry crowd,
For we're "Dominion Poys"
Hurrah, Hurrah, Sirs, for our club,
The best one in the town,
May we succeed and prosper
And win honor and renown.

CHORUS.—Hey, diddle, etc.

"DOMINION" BOYS.

AIR.—*Kafoozle-um.*

Draw up your chairs and make all right
And listen to my song to-night,
Which I shall sing with heart so light,
And you can join in the chorus.
Tis' in praise of a snow shoe tramp,
O'er mountain, hill, morass or swamp,
In weather clear, or cold, or damp
Whatever comes before us.

CHORUS.—Oh Dominion boys, Dominion boys, etc.

Precisely as the clock strikes eight,
With spirits high and hearts elate,
We muster at the College gate
To tramp it o'er the mountain.
The Colonel bravely leads the way,
A veteran he, but young to-day,
Oh, may he live for many a day
To lead us o'er the mountain.

CHORUS.—Dominion boys, etc.

The College grounds are quickly past,
The pace increases very fast,
Each fearing least he'd be the last
To gain the top of the mountain.
We strive, we toil with might and main,
And every manly muscle strain;
Hurrah! Hurrah! at last we gain
The summit of the mountain.

CHORUS.—Dominion boys, etc.

Now tighten every man his sash,
Be calm, collected, cool, not rash,
For down the hill we'll run a dash,
As we go down the mountain.
The start is made and past belief,
See Burland soon has come to grief,
Jack Donnelly lies kicking underneath
As we go down the mountain.

CHORUS.—Dominion boys, etc.

Bulmer's down, tis' not his fault,
He takes his coffee, never malt,
And o'er him tumbles Andrew Galt
Descending of the mountain.
Each "Vice" now strives to lead the space,
The Robinson's make good the pace;
Bob Stenhouse hopes to win the race
All bounding down the mountain.

CHORUS.—Dominion boys, etc.

See Sam and Lil with rapid stride,
As quickly through the ruck they glide;
They cannot leave each other's side
As they go down the mountain.
Alf looks too serious by half
He hasn't time e'en for a laugh,
I guess he'd sooner stop and chaff
Those racing down the mountain.

CHORUS.—Dominion boys, etc.

Where's Horne and David—Horsnell too,
And all the rest of our good crew,
Ah! here they are, all sound true blue
Scampering down the mountain.
And now the goal is gained at last,
The time we made was very fast;
I won't say who came in the last,
In that race down the mountain.

CHORUS.—Dominion boys, etc.

Then next in military style
We form two deep in rank and file,
And off to "Vosburgh's," about a mile
On t'other side the mountain.
Here all give way to laugh and fun,
And sprightly repartee and fun,
For now enjoyment has begun
Since we got down the mountain.

CHORUS.—Dominion boys, etc.

Our host has furnished us good cheer,
We've coffee, crackers, cheese and beer,
And something else I won't name here
We're *spirited* round the mountain.
At ten, like loyal subjects, we
Cheer for the Queen with three times three,
And hasten home too late for tea,
On the Montreal side of the Mountain.

CHORUS.—Dominion boys, etc.

SEASON 1871 and 1872.

This will long be remembered as a "red letter" season in the annals of snow shoeing. The abundance of snow and fast times made, leave it almost without a parallel in the past.

The Roll of members shewed a total of 106.

TRAMPS.

The first tramp took place (by road) on Wednesday evening, December 6th, 1871. 8 members present; but the club to the number of 20, tramped over the mountain on shoes, on the evening of December 13th, when they found "shoeing" very heavy.

Last tramp took place on the evening of April 3rd, 1872, when six members crossed Mount Royal.

The club crossed the mountain 16 times, average muster 18, largest 32.

Tramped to Lachine 3 times, average muster 13, largest 18, and to Bougie's Corners once, when Messrs. Grant and Bowie, were the only members present.

MEMBERS, ETC.

The following gentlemen were declared Life members; Messrs. W. H. Rintoul, H. E. Murray, W. G. Murray and Charles Selby.

Messrs. John Robinson, late of the "Dominion," Thomas Campbell and David Rodger, Jr., joined the Club.

CONVENTION.

A Convention composed of members of the different Clubs to decide upon the weight, etc., of the "racing shoe, was held in the "Globe" Chop House, on the evening of December 30th, 1871; the following delegates being present.

"Montreal" Club, Angus Grant, Wm. H. Whyte.

"Alexandra" Club, R. B. Reinhardt, A. Birks, Charles Boyle.

"Canada" Club, J. W. Ostell, A. W. Stevenson, G. H. Henshaw.

"Maple Leaf" Club, J. C. Bowden, W. Collins, J. Walker.

Mr. Angus Grant occupied the chair, and Mr. W. H. Whyte, acted as Secretary. The following law was made, and accepted by all the clubs:

"That the shoes, including strings, shall not be "less than 1½ lbs. in weight, and shall measure not "less than 10 inches gut, in width."

Resolved "that this rule take the place of Section 2, Article 1 of the Snow Shoe Racing Laws, and it come into force immediately."

DEATH OF R. TATE, Esq.

The club had to mourn the loss of an old and much esteemed member, Mr. Richard Tate, who died from an attack of malignant small-pox. His death was so sudden that few knew of his demise till after burial, and many were the expressions of sympathy as the sorrowful news spread.

He was a very active member of both the Lacrosse and Snow Shoe Club. In the Lacrosse field, he won a foremost place, and on the race track, his brown "tuque" was rarely seen, but in the van. Many and valuable were the trophies he captured, but none will last as the evergreen trophy of respect and esteem which he won from the host which was proud to know him, and from the few who could call the genial, true-hearted "Dick" Tate,—friend.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Took place in the Queen's Chop House, on Wednesday evening, November 8th, 1871, when twenty-five members were present. In the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents, Mr. C. Peers Davidson, was called to the chair. After hearing the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer read, the meeting proceeded to vote upon Mr. Angus Grant's motion to add to the list of office-bearers, that of Honorary-Permanent President, which was carried unanimously.

The election of Office-bearers then took place, when it was moved by John Anderson, seconded by Angus Grant. "That in view of the long and valuable services rendered the club,

the untiring zeal and energy evinced upon every occasion and the deep interest at all times felt in promoting the welfare and advancement of the club by our President, N. H. Hughes, Esq.,—be it resolved that he be hereby unanimously elected Honorary-Permanent President. Carried.

C. Peers Davidson.—*President.*
Angus Grant.—*1st Vice* "
E. A. Whitehead.—*2nd Vice-President.*
Wm. H. Whyte.—*Secretary.*
H. W. Becket.—*Treasurer.*

COMMITTEE.

Wm. Campbell, Jno. Anderson.
John Davidson, Fred. Hawkesly.
Godfrey Pelton, F. C. A. McIndoe.
Alex. M. Davidson.

Mr. Alex. Davidson thanked the Club for the honour they would do him, and begged to resign when Mr. John Murray, was elected in his stead.

14 new members were proposed and elected.

"MAPLE LEAF" CLUB'S HANDICAP RACE.

The handicap (foot) race of this club, took place November 14th, 1871, from the Toll gate, Cote des Neiges hill to the "Bellevue." There were 19 competitors.

Walker, (scratch) first, gold ring. Time, 9 m.
Choquette second, cigar case.
Geo. Anderson, third, gold locket.
After the race, the club dined at the "Bellevue."

"MONTREAL" CLUB'S GREEN STEEPLE CHASE

Over the mountain, took place on Wednesday evening, January 3rd, 1872, from the College gate. Track was very slippery, much of it being covered with ice. Many were the bruises exhibited by the competitors, received while scrambling over the hill. The time was poor.

James K. Whyte, first, time, 40 m.

Fred. McIndoe, second, 40½ m.

Richard H. Smith, third.

"ALEXANDRA" CLUB'S GREEN STEEPLE CHASE

Over the mountain, took place on Monday evening, January, 22nd. 14 competitors,

Charles Boyle, first. Time, 24½m.

W. K. Roy, second, 25 m. 31 sec.

J. Boyle, third, 26m. 14 s.

W. Cowan, fourth, 28 m. 32 sec.

C. Boyle was disqualified, not being a green runner.

The club entertained His Worship, the Mayor, to supper, after the races.

"CANADA" CLUB'S GREEN STEEPLE CHASE,

Over the Mountain, took place on Tuesday evening, 23rd January, — nine competed.

J. O. Bedard, first, in 25 min.

Albert Nelson, second, in 25 min. 48 s.

A. W. Stevenson, third, 26 m. 15 s.

"MONTREAL" CLUB'S ANNUAL STEEPLE CHASE

Over the mountain, took place on Wednesday evening, January 31st 1872, from the College gate to gate opposite Prendergast's.

There were 12 competitors. The night was very dark and the track obstructed by heavy drifts.

Duncan E. Bowie, first, gold medal. Time, 26 m. 43 sec.

Alexander M. Davidson, (silver medal) second.

Charles Schofield, ($3.), third.

James K. Whyte, ($2.), fourth.

R. H. Smith, ($1.), fifth.

"CANADA" CLUB'S ANNUAL RACES.

Took place on Saturday afternoon, February 3rd. 1872, on the Montreal Lacrosse Grounds. The day was very cold, slim attendance of spectators and competition poor.

There were 5 "open" events. "Montreal" won 2, "Alexandra," 2, "Maple Leaf," 1.

TWO MILES, open,—silver cup,—5 competitors.—Charles Boyle (A) first. Time 13 min. 55 sec. W. Collins, Newell, S. McCoy, Bedard.

HURDLE RACE, 120 YARDS.—heats,—open,—medal, —won in two straight heats by H. W. Becket, (M) defeating G. H. Henshaw, (C),—2 competitors.

ONE MILE,— club,—silver cup,—A. W. Stevenson, first. Time, 7 min. 20 sec. C. H. Nelson, A. Nelson.

HALF MILE, OPEN,—medal.—W. K. Roy, (A), first. Time, 3 min. 3 sec. Newell, Choquette, Bowden, D. E. Bowie, J. Whyte, Chas. Lamothe.

100 YARDS DASH,—club,—medal,—Geo. H. Henshaw, J. W. Ostell, 2, C. H. Nelson, 3.

QUARTER MILE,—BOYS,—medal. Nicholson, first.

100 YARDS DASH,—open,—heats,—D. E. Bowie, (M) first. G. H. Henshaw, 2.

QUARTER MILE,—CLUB,—A. W. Stevenson, first. J. W. Ostell, 2, A. Nelson, 3. Time 1.36.

QUARTER MILE,—CONSOLATION,—7 competitors,—won by Choquette, (M.L) Newell 2. Time 1. m 24 sec.

Prizes were presented on the ground after the Races.

"GRAND TRUNK" CLUB'S ANNUAL RACES.

Took place on Saturday afternoon, February 10th, 1872.

The lovely weather brought out a large attendance of spectators. The Races were well contested and frequently called forth loud cheers from the on-lookers.

The Band of the G. T. R. Brigade was present, and added much to the pleasure of the occasion.

There were six "open" events, "Montreal," won four, Indians, one, "Alexandra," one.

TWO MILES,—open,—dead heat between Keroniare and B. Daillebout. Time, 12 min. 45 sec. A quarter mile dash was run to decide the tie when Keroniare won in 1 m. 12 sec. W. K. Roy, (A), first white man.

120 YARDS, HURDLE RACE,—open,—(prize value $8.),—2 competitors.— H. W. Becket, won two straight heats, Hurtubise, 2.

ONE MILE,—open,—silver cup,—5 competitors,—E. W. Mudge, (M), Charles Boyle, Newell.

QUARTER MILE,—Boys,—$5, $3, $2.—Ermatinger, 1. Auld, 2. Scott, 3.

100 YARDS DASH,—heats,—open,—(prize value $8.), H. W. Becket, won first heat, Thomas Foy, winning next two and the race.

QUARTER MILE DASH,—open,—heats,—gold medal,—6 competitors,—D. E. Bowie won first heat. Thomas Foy, second heat. Bowie, third heat and the race.

QUARTER MILE,—open to G.T.R. Volunteers, in uniform. $8, $5, $3.—As there was only one entry on shoes, it was proposed to allow the Bandsmen to compete without shoes, when 6 or 8 started. May won first prize. Jackson, 2. Creamer, 3.

QUARTER MILE,—Consolation,—6 competitors—M. Newell, (M) Collins, 2. Murphy, 3.

Prizes were distributed by C. J. Brydges, Esq., at the close of Races.

"MONTREAL" CLUB'S ANNUAL RACES.

The Annual Races took place on Saturday afternoon, the 17th February, 1872. The weather was delightful and a large number of spectators present. The course was very heavy and the time made was slow.

Stewards.—Messrs. C. J. Coursol, A. W. Ogilvie, Wm. F. Kay, A. A. Stevenson.

There were eight "open" events, "Montreal," won two, "Alexandra," four, Indians, two.

TWO MILES, Indian race,—prizes, $20, $8, $4, $2, $1.—Keroniare, won in 12 m. 19 sec. Daillebout, 2.—5 competitors.—all Indians.

100 YARDS, HURDLE RACE,—gold medal,—2 competitors. E. Ermatinger, won first heat by a foot. H. W. Becket won the second, and a walk over for the third heat.

QUARTER MILE, — heats,— gold locket, — W. K. Roy, (A) won first and third heats. M. Newell, second heat. D. E. Bowie, 2.—4 competitors. — Time, 1 min. 16 sec. 1 m. 19½ sec.

HALF MILE,—Indian race,—$5, $3, $2, $1.—B. Daillebout, first. Keroniare, 2. Time, 2m. 47sec.—5 competitors.

100 YARDS DASH,—heats,—gold medal.—Thos. Foy won, beating Bowie and Ermatinger. Time, 14 and 15 sec.—3 competitors.

TWO MILES,—club cup.—E. W. Mudge, won. Rose, his only opponent gave up at end of first mile. Time, 14 m. 14s.

ONE MILE,—open,—Dressing case.—C. Boyle, (A) first walk over.

HALF MILE,—open,—gold ring,—D. E. Bowie, (M) won. C. Boyle, M. Newell. Time, 3 m. 3 sec.—3 competitors,

QUARTER MILE,—boys under 4 ft. 6 in.—silver medal.—2nd, snow shoes.—Nicholson, 1. Murray, 2.

HALF MILE,—green,—gold medal.—Thomas Farmer won. T. E. Hodgson and J. Bowden, dead heat for second place. Time, 3m. 7 sec.—12 competitors.

The prizes were presented to the winners after the races, by the Gentlemen who had officiated as Judges during the afternoon.

ANNUAL DINNER

Of the Montreal Club, took place in the evening, at the Globe Restaurant, St James Street, when a large party sat down to an excellent repast. N. H. Hughes, Esq., occupied the chair.

"ALEXANDRA" CLUB'S RACES

Took place upon the Lacrosse Grounds on Saturday, February 24th, 1872. The weather was fine, but the attendance of spectators poor.

There were six "open" races, "Alexandra" won four, "Montreal" one, "Maple Leaf" one.

TWO MILES,—The "Mayor's" cup.—Wm. K. Roy, (A) first. T. Farmer, 2. E. W. Mudge, (M) 3.—4 competitors.—Time, 13 m. 10 sec.

100 YARDS DASH,—"Warner" gold medal.—E. Ermatinger first. Foy, 2. Bowie, 3. Newell, 4.—4 competitors.

QUARTER MILE,—boys,—gold medal.—Nicholson first.—9 competitors. Time, 1 m. 24 sec.

TWO MILES,—club cup.—J. Gilroy first. McBurney, J. Boyle.—3 competitors.—Time, 13 m. 33 sec.

QUARTER MILE,—heats,—silver medal.—W. K. Roy won first and third heats. Newell, 2. Bowie, 3. Foy 4.—4 competed.—Time, 1 m. 15 sec. 1 m. 19 sec.

HALF MILE,—green,—gold medal.—R. Walker, (ML) first. J. F. Roy, 2. McBurney, 3.—3 competitors.—Time, 3m. 18s.

ONE MILE,—open,—gold medal.—C. Boyle, first.—4 competitors.—Time, 6 m. 15 sec.

HALF MILE, CONSOLATION,—gold medal.—T. Farmer, (A) first.—4 competitors.—Time, 2 m. 58 sec.

"MAPLE LEAF" CLUB'S

Annual Races, took place on Saturday afternoon, March 2nd, 1872, on the Lacrosse Ground, and were well attended.

There were four "open" events, "Montreal" won two, "Alexandra" two.

TWO MILES,—club,—silver cup.—J. J. Walker, 1. W. Collins, 2. J. C. Bowden, 3.—3 competed.—Time, 13m. 7s.

100 YARDS DASH,—heats.—gold medal.—Edward Ermatinger, 1. D. E. Bowie, Thomas Foy.—3 competitors.

QUARTER MILE,—boys race,—silver mug.—Murray, 1.—11 competed.

HALF MILE,—club,—gold medal.—H. Murphy and W. Collins, dead heat, for first place. J. C. Bowden, second.—11 competed.

Messrs. Murphy and Collins, ran a quarter of a mile to decide the race, when Murphy won.

ONE MILE,—open,—gold locket.—W. K. Roy won. Chas. Boyle, 2.—2 competed.—Time, 5 m. 50 sec.

100 YARDS DASH,—heats,—club,—medal.—R. Summerhayes won.—9 competed.

QUARTER MILE,—heats,—"Isaacson" medal.—W. K. Roy, 1. M. Newell, 2.—2 competed.—Time, 1 m. 15 sec. 1 m. 22 sec.

HALF MILE,—green,—silver medal.—T. E. Hodgson, (M) 1. H. Murphy, 2.—10 competed.—Time, 2 m. 58 sec.

CHAMPION RACES.

Took place on Saturday afternoon, March 9th., 1872. The programme consisted of a two mile race and 100 yards dash, in heats, handicap.

The Track was in good order and the attendance of spectators large.

Messrs. C. Boyle, W. K. Roy and Thomas Farmer, entered for the two miles, prize, silver watch.

Boyle led for a mile and a quarter when Farmer took his place, he in turn was captured by Roy, who won in 12m. 45s. Farmer, second, 13 m. 10 sec. Boyle gave up on the sixth lap (1½m.)

100 Yards dash, handicap—gold ring,—Edward Ermatinger, scratch. D. E. Bowie, two yards, R. Summerhayes and M. Daillebout (Indian) three yards.

First heat was won by Ermatinger. Second heat, Ermatinger and Bowie, dead heat. Third heat. D. E. Bowie. 1. Daillebout, 2. Fourth heat, Edward Ermatinger, this giving him the Race.

LEVIS CLUB'S RACES

Took place on the Ice at Point Levis, Quebec, on February 23rd, 1872, with the following result :

ONE MILE,—open,—$5, $4,—Elward Tiernay. R. Ryan.

QUARTER MILE,—boys,—$4, $2, $1,—H. B. Jackson, 1. N. Dion, 2. C. Millar, 3.

HALF MILE,—Volunteer race in uniform,—$4, $3.—Capt. Harder, 1. Quarter Master Carrier, 2.

HALF MILE,—club,—silver cup,—A. Ritchie, 1.

QUARTER MILE,—boys race,—medal, and snow shoes.—A. C. Piton, 1. T. Lemieux, 2.

100 YARDS DASH,—medal.—M. Crean, 1.

QUARTER MILE,—green race,—club,—Sash, locket and gold pin.—T. A. Anderson. P. Anderson. J. McKenna.

QUARTER MILE, hurdle,—3 hurdles 2½ feet high.—gold ring,—$3.—M. Crean. Ed. Tiernay.

CONSOLATION RACE,—$5, $4, $3.—T. Lemieux. R. Ryan. J. M. Patton.

SEASON of 1872 and 1873.

This season has a brilliant record in the annals of our history. The tramps, their number, the average attendance, with the enthusiasm displayed and the zeal exhibited to place the "tuque bleue" at the top of the "post," far outstrip many previous seasons.

There was snow enough all season to satisfy the most ardent snow-shoer, and the evenings of our weekly tramps more than once, were the roughest of the season, still we lived thro' it, for

"We love the blustering storm that beats"
"Upon our bright tuque bleue."

TRAMPS.

The first tramp without shoes, by way of the road, to the "Bellevue" took place on Wednesday evening November 20th, 1872, 11 members out.

There were three tramps in this fashion, with an average muster of 11, largest muster 14.

Mr. Angus Grant again has the credit of braving the dangers in breaking the trail across Mount Royal, which he did, alone, on Wednesday evening, December 4th, 1872, and reported snow shoeing as "very good."

On Wednesday evening, December 11th, 1872, the first club tramp across the mountain on shoes took place, 35 members present.

The last tramp in the same direction, on Wednesday evening, March 26th, 1873, was the stormiest night of the season; the wind blowing a gale and driving the snow into huge drifts, stopping Railway trains, horse locomotion, in fact every thing save the progress of the 18 sturdy members of the "tuque bleue" who braved the fury of the elements and arrived safely at the club-house.

There were 14 tramps across the mountain, average muster 36, largest muster 110.

Lachine was visited thrice, average, 17, largest muster 29. If we add those who drove out, it will increase the average to 23 and largest muster to 39.

Sault-aux-Recollect, (Lajeunesse's) was visited twice, average 25, largest muster 26.

St. Laurent, once, mustering 8.

LIFE MEMBERS, ETC.

The following gentlemen were elected Life Members, having served the full term.

Messrs. Edward A. Whitehead, and William G. Beers.

Messrs. Edward Bulmer, Thos. E. Hodgson, Robt. McGillis and R. Scott, joined the Club.

His Excellency the Governor-General, Earl Dufferin, did us the honor to accept an Honorary Life Membership, as well as a large photo of the Members of the Club, executed in Indian ink by Wm. Notman, Esq; the letter acknowledging the same, being read at the "meet" of Wednesday evening, 19th March, 1873.

CHANGE OF RENDEZVOUS.

It was proposed to change the "Rendezvous" of the Club from Union Avenue to the McGill College Gate, but the traditions that cling to the old meeting place of the Club upset the schemes of the Inconoclasts.

There were 146 members on the Roll.

INCIDENTS.

The presence of his Excellency the Governor-General in the city, was the occasion of a Grand Torch-light procession of the clubs, and a brilliant reception at the residence of Alex. McGibbon, Esq, who generously threw open his house for the purpose; full particulars of the reception, etc., will appear further on.

At the Annual Dinner of the Club, a presentation was made to Alex. McGibbon, Esq., full details of which will be found under its head.

But while we found reason for the most joyous outpouring, we did not forget the sorrow which filled every bosom, when the news reached us of the sad accident which befel one of our office-bearers (John Anderson), and which ended, after weeks of weary agony and suspense, in his death. We give full particulars of the sad accident later on.

His Honor, Mayor Cassidy presented a splendid silver cup for a two mile Race for the City Championship, which was run for, under our auspices, on March 15th, 1873.

During the Racing Season, there were some handsome prizes (first, second, and third) given by the different Clubs. For these, there were 34 open events, which were won as follows:

"Canada"	club,	9	first,	0	second,	0	third.
"Montreal"	"	8	"	1	"	0	"
"Alexandra"	"	7	"	2	"	2	"
"Maple Leaf"	"	3	"	0	"	0	"
"Indians"		7		2			

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Club, was held in the Mechanics' Hall, on Wednesday evening, 13th November, 1872, when thirty members were present.

In the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents, Mr. William Campbell was called to the Chair.

After the reading of Secretary's Report, the Treasurer's Statement was read and received. The statement shewed a balance of $96.48 due the Treasurer, being amount advanced by him to settle outstanding debts due by the Club during past season.

The Meeting then proceeded to elect office-bearers for the ensuing season, with following result :—

N. H. HUGHES.—*Honorary Permanent President.*
C. PEERS DAVIDSON.—*President.*
ANGUS GRANT.—*1st Vice-President.*
WM. L. MALTBY.—*2nd Vice-President.*
WM. H. WHYTE.—*Secretary.*
HUGH W. BECKET.—*Treasurer.*

COMMITTEE.

WM. CAMPBELL.	FRED. HAWKESLY,
GODFREY PELTON.	J. J. DAVIDSON.
F. C. A. MCINDOE,	D. E. BOWIE.

ROBT. CROSBIE.

After the election of officers it was moved by James K. Whyte, seconded by D. E. Bowie, "That this Club do hold a torch-light procession in January, should His Excellency Earl Dufferin visit the city at that time, said procession to be in his honor and in the event of our 30th anniversary as a Club."—Carried.

It was also moved by H. W. Becket, seconded by Wm H. Whyte, "That His Excellency be asked to allow his

name to be placed upon our Roll of Honorary Life Members." —Carried.

Twenty-three names were proposed for membership.

Mr. E. A. Whitehead's name was added to the Roll of Life Members.

It was proposed by Geo. Sully, and seconded by James K. Whyte, "That negotiations be entered into with the several city Clubs, with a view to the holding of a Grand Snow Shoe Fete, combining the funds usually expended by each, for the purpose of providing such prizes as would bring out the fleetest men of the day." After some discussion the matter was allowed to drop.

There being no further business, meeting was dismissed.

"MONTREAL" GREEN STEEPLE CHASE

Took place over the Mountain track on Wednesday evening, January 8th, 1873. The finish was at Vosburg's new Club house, near the right hand corner of Cote des Neiges road, after passing the Roman Catholic Cemetery gate.

The entries were Messrs. R. McGillis, R. Smith, Angus Grant, Sam. Struthers and Thos. Campbell.

The first prize ($6) was won by R. McGillis in 36 min. Sam. S truthers, second ($4). Thos. Camp bell, third ($2).

The track was heavy, and the runners had a fence to scale before reaching the winning post, which accounts for poor time.

"MAPLE LEAF" CLUB'S STEEPLE CHASE.

Took place over the Mountain track on Saturday evening, January 11th, 1873. There were ten competitors :—

W. Collins, first, time, 21 m. 11 sec., silver medal ;
John C. Bowden, 2. time, 21½ min., gold locket ;
W. Short, 3. time, 22 min. 10 sec., gold breast pin ;
H. Murphy, 4. time, 23 min. 15 sec. ;
J. Simpson, 5. time, 23½ m. ;
H. Scott, John Armstrong, D. Armstrong, Robert Summerhayes, G. F. Corcoran.

The prizes were presented to the winners at the Club house, amid great enthusiasm.

"ALEXANDRA" CLUB'S STEEPLE CHASE

Took place on Saturday afternoon, 11th January, 1873, over the Mountain track.

Charles Boyle, 1, time, 21¼ min. ; W. K. Roy, T. Farmer.

"CANADA" CLUB'S STEEPLE CHASE

Over the Mountain track, took place on Monday evening, 10th February, 1873. The race was open only to "green" runners. 8 competed.

Charles Lamothe, 1 ; H. J. Kavanagh, 2 ; E. Chinic, 3.

Weather was clear and cold, and competition keen.

ANNUAL "MOUNTAIN" STEEPLE CHASE.

Open to all members, took place on Wednesday evening, 29th January, 1873, over the same track

as the previous race, starting from the McGill College gate.

The night was dark and rather cold, the track good. There were 16 competitors.

Fred. McIndoe, first, (gold medal) time, 24 min. D. E. Bowie, second, (gold pin) 24 min. 20 sec.

The sum of $10, was divided among those who came in within three minutes of the winner. This was claimed by Messrs. W. L. Maltby, and N. J. Carnegie.

"ALEXANDRA" CLUB RACES

Took place on Saturday afternoon, the 1st Feby., 1873, upon the Lacrosse Grounds. The day was fine and a large crowd was present.

The club was honoured by the presence of His Excellency the Governor General, the Countess of Dufferin, family and suite. His Excellency had donated a "cup" to be run for, and seemed, as did the whole party to take a lively interest in the sports.

There were six "open" events, of which the "Montreal" won three, "Alexandra" one, "Canada." one, Indians one.

ONE MILE—Club—"Savage & Lyman's" Gold medal.—2 competitors, T. Farmer, first, time 6 m. 35 sec. Anderson, second.

QUARTER MILE,—heats,—open "Middlemiss cup."—Two competitors,—W. Kissock, (M) first, both heats, time, 1 m. 18 sec. and 1 m. 22 sec.

ONE MILE,—open,—"Stroud cup"—7 competitors,—N. J. Carnegie, (M) first,—time,6m. 45s. J. Bowden, (M.L) Tiernay, (A) Armstrong, (M.L) Thos. Hodgson, (M) Lang, Farmer, (A).

HALF MILE,—green,—club race,—"Flannery medal."—3 competitors—Tiernay 1, time, 3m. 20s. G. Roy, G. Anderson.

ONE MILE,—open,—"Press prize." 4 competitors, D. E. Bowie, (M) 1, time, 6 m. 46 sec. Chas. Boyle, (A) Fred. McIndoe, (M) W. Collins, (M. L).

TWO MILES,—Indians.—Keroniare, 1, time, 13 m. 20 sec. Martin, 2, M. Daillebout, 3.

100 YARDS DASH,—heats,—open,—"Murphy medal."—J. D. Armstrong, (C) 1, winning first and third heats, time. 12 and 14 sec. Edward Ermatinger, (M) won second heat in 14 sec.

QUARTER MILE,—Boys race, under 13 years.—1st, pin, 2nd, $2.00. 7 competitors, —E. Kennedy, 1, J. Murray 2

TWO MILES, —"Governor General's Cup"—open, —Thomas Farmer, (A) 1.

The prizes were presented to the winners by His Excellency at the close of the meeting.

SNOW SHOE RACE ON ICE.

This rather absurd sport was instituted at the Victoria Skating Rink, (among the other games of the club), which took place on the evening of Saturday, February 1st, 1873, and proved a source of much amusement to the large assembly present. The nature of the constituent elements of the track

rendered equilibrium almost an impossibility, and fast time out of the question.

The distance was five times round the rink. The prize, a silver tankard. There were 28 entries, and competitors were started in squads. Thos. E. Hodgson, (M) won first heat. R. McGillis, (M) the second. The winners then ran off the tie, when McGillis captured the "tankard."

"MONTREAL" CLUB'S ANNUAL RACES,

Took place on the Lacrosse Grounds, on Saturday afternoon, February 15th 1873.

The day was bright and clear, the attendance of spectators large and competition keen.

Edmund Yates, the eminent novelist was present and highly enjoyed the novelty of the sports.

The Stewards were Messrs. C. J. Coursol, A. W. Ogilvie, W. F. Kay, Thomas White, A. McGibbon and A. A. Stevenson.

There were six "open" events. Two of which were won by the "Montreal," two by the "Alexandra," one by the "Canada," and one by the Indians.

TWO MILES, Indian race.—prizes, $15, $8, $6, $4, $2.—5 competitors,—Keroniare, 1. time, 12m. 28½sec. B. Daillebout, 2. Young Thomas, 3. M. Daillebout, 4. Martin, 5.

ONE MILE,—being the second heat for the "Press prize."—Two competitors,—Charles Boyle, (A) 1, beating D. E. Bowie, (M) 100 yards, time, 6 m. 9 sec.

QUARTER MILE,—boys race, under 4½ feet,—silver medal, 3 competitors,—Nicholson, 1.

HALF MILE,—club,—"F. Matthews cup."—5 competitors, N. J. Carnegie, 1,

120 YARDS HURDLE RACE,—green,—heats,—open,—gold medal.—6 competitors,—Edward Ermatinger, (M) 1.

TWO MILES,—"club cup."—5 competitors,—R. Scott, 1, T. E. Hodgson.

QUARTER MILE,—heats,—open,—gold medal.—2 competitors,—Baptiste Daillebout, 1, first heat. Geo. Anderson 2, (A). In second heat, Anderson distanced the Indian, and had a walk over for the third heat, time, 1½m.

100 YARDS DASH,—heats,—open,—gold medal.—3 competitors,—J. D. Armstrong, (C) 1, both heats.

HALF MILE,—open,—"Beers" gold medal. 3 competitors,—N. J. Carnegie, (M) 1. Chas. Boyle, (A) 2.

THE ANNUAL DINNER

Of the "Montreal" Club, took place in the evening after the races, at the "Globe" Restaurant, St. James Street, and was served in admirable style by N. H. Vosburg.

58 members with some 15 guests sat down. Among the latter, Edmund Yates, Esq., the eminent author, upheld the honour of the British Isles, his brilliant wit and flow of eloquence being the life of the Company.

The Room was tastefully decorated with trophies of Snow shoes and Lacrosses, encircled with evergreens, flags, banners and mottoes, together with neatly figured scrolls bearing the names of the prominent runners of the day, which all went to make up a very tasty scene.

The chair was occupied by the President, C. Peers Davidson, Esq. The Vice chairs by Messrs. W. L. Maltby and Angus Grant.

After dinner the usual toasts loyal and patriotic were drunk.

In reply to the toast of His Excellency, the Governor General, the following original song was sung by Mr. John R. Flannery of "ours."

(Respectfully inscribed to His Excellency, the Earl of Dufferin, Governor General of Canada, by J. R. Flannery, M. S. S. C.)

AIR—*The rattling Boys from the County Down.*

The toast proposed is one we'll drink
With all the honours that we can,
Let each one here prepare a cheer
And drain his wine-glass to the man
Whose name to all is so well-known
In the village, hamlet and in town,
For the right good fellowship he has shown,
That rattling Boy from the County Down.

CHORUS.—Then, hip hurrah! let's drink his health,
May fortune on him never frown,
But shower honours, happiness, wealth
On that rattling Boy from the County Down.

To represent our Gracious Queen,
Lord Dufferin came and won our hearts,
Her loyal subjects long we've been,
And from her do not wish to part.
If England ever fears to lose
So bright a jewel from her crown,
She a better guardian cannot choose
Than the rattling boy from the County Down.

CHO.—Then, hip hurrah! etc.

A nobleman by birth and right,
A man with kindly feelings blest,
We snow shoers look back with pride
To the night Lord Dufferin was our guest.
Our winter sports he always graced—
For that, as well we'll toast him brown,
The frost and snow he boldly faced
Like a rattling boy from the County Down.

CHO.—Then, hip hurrah! etc.

Should fortune change and this our land
Yet free and independent be,
And all her people, hand in hand
Join in that work, from sea to sea.
I'll tell you what will be the thing,
We'll invest Lord Dufferin with the Crown
Of this Dominion, we'll make him King
That rattling boy from the County Down.

CHO.—Then, hip hurrah! etc.

The toast of our "Stewards and Guests" brought Mr. Yates to his feet, he said:

"Gentlemen of the Snow Shoe Club.—I do not know which has caused me the most surprise, the cold of the climate, or the warmth of your welcome! If it has gratified me—and it has gratified me, very much, indeed—to have been received in the heartiest and friendliest manner throughout the length and breadth of the States, how much more gratifying must it be to be welcomed with enthusiasm by you, an offshoot from the mother country, sprung from the same stock and owing the same allegiance. It was my good fortune this afternoon to be present at your races and there to witness an amount of

athletic vigour which, I confess fairly surprised me. Looking back upon my own career, I felt not without a certain pride, that at one time of my life, I might possibly have been able to stand upon snow shoes without falling down, but the mere thought of attempting to run in them or jump in them made me shudder. There was a time when I was tolerably active, but since I assumed my present noble proportions, I have given up athletic sports. Yes, gentlemen, you may laugh, but the same fate awaits you all. The sword of Damocles was suspended over his head, while over you, young, bright and active as you now are, impend middle age and rotundity. Each month brings you nearer to the former, every glass of beer helps to the latter." Mr. Yates then briefly returned thanks for the honour done him and resumed his seat amid great applause.

The "Stewards" was acknowledged by Thomas White, Jr. Esq., of the "Gazette."

The "Army, Navy and Volunteers" found respondents in His Honour Judge Coursol, and A. W. Ogilvie, Esq. The former gentleman expressed his special affection for the "Montreal" inasmuch as he was a member at its formation in 1843.

"Our sister clubs" was responded to by Messrs. T. B. Warren, (Alexandra) Nelson, (Canada) and J. Armstrong of the Maple Leaf Clubs.

"Our winter sports" having been disposed of, Mr. Wm. H. Whyte, sang the following song composed in honour of the club, by W. G. Beers, Esq.

"TUQUE BLEUE."

AIR.—*Good bye Charlie,*

Hurrah! for frosty winter nights, the old moon shining clear,
Our club meets at the rendezvous, with hearty shout and cheer,
We ask no better kind of fun than on the swift snow shoe
With chaps who never shirk a tramp, who wear the bright tuque bleue.

CHORUS.—Lightly dipping, tripping o'er the snow,
This club in Indian file, tramps over many a mile.
Lightly dipping, tripping o'er the snow,
Hurrah! for the wearing of the bright tuque bleue.

The frost is keen, and cold the wind, the drifts are grand and high,
'Tis just the time for veterans their sturdiness to try,
In Indian fyle we tramp, for no matter what may brew
We love the blustering storm that beats upon our bright "tuque bleue."

CHO.—Lightly dipping, etc.

Oh! you who wish to lead a life exempt from many a woe,
Just step into a pair of shoes and tramp it o'er the snow,
There's nothing like a ten mile tramp your vigour to renew,
So don't back out but come along and wear the bright "tuque bleue."

CHO.—Lightly dipping, etc.

For thirty years our club has lived and earned a noble name,
On cups and medals, not a few, you'll find engraved its fame,
When limbs are stiffened by "old time" we'll keep the club in view
By training up our olive leaves, to wear the bright "tuque bleue."

CHO.—Lightly dipping, etc.

During the evening a presentation was made on behal of the club, to Alexander McGibbon, Esq. The President in making it, referred to the many acts of kindness for which they were indebted to Mr. McGibbon, and especially to the last crowning act, when he had thrown open his house in a princely manner, on the occasion of the snow shoe tramp and torchlight fete in honour of His Excellency the Governor General. The presentation which they made, was but an inadequate recognition of those many kindnesses, but it was accompanied by what he thought would be even more gratifying, the heartiest remembrances and thanks of every member of the club. He finished his very able peroration by proposing the health of Mr. McGibbon, which was drunk with highland honours.

Mr. McGibbon in acknowledging the toast said, "that the special merit which belonged to him, was in being so situated as to enable him to contribute to the pleasure of snow shoers in their mountain tramps. Apart from that, which he regarded as his fortune, he had done nothing more than any citizen of Montreal would gladly do.

The encouragement of out-door sports was a duty which devolved upon all who had an interest in the youth of the country, and it would always afford him the greatest pleasure to contribute in any way to them. He had himself sons growing up, who although not old enough to join the "Montreal," were yet already much interested in the sport, one of them being Secretary of the High School Club. When they became old enough he hoped to see them uniting with the worthy band of snow shoers whom he saw before him.

Referring to the special occasion, when it had been his fortune to help the snow shoers in their entertainment to His Excellency the Governor General, he said he had no desire to make

any special reference to remarks which had been made elsewhere. He might however, mention that he had received the personal thanks of His Excellency and his Countess before they had left his house, and he had since received their written acknowledgement accompanied by a *souvenir*, the possession of which, was to him a great honour. His only fear was, that in the numbers who were present and the difficulty of serving them all, some may have left without obtaining any refreshment whatever, as to carouse, there had been none, but those who had asserted the contrary, would have an opportunity of proving their statements in an another place. He thanked them on behalf of Mrs. McGibbon, and he could assure them equally with himself, she would always esteem it a pleasure to be able to contribute to the enjoyment of the show shoers of Montreal.,

The following is a description of the plate: An *assiette monte* centre, with two fruit stands and plateaus, beautifully executed in silver and gilt, and finished in the highest style of the art, the centre piece bearing the following inscription. "Presented to Alexander McGibbon, Esq., by the Montreal Snow Shoe Club, a slight recognition of many acts of kindness, February, 1873.

Also a beautifully chased sterling silver card case, tablet and pencil, with the monograms of Mrs. McGibbon and the Montreal Snow Shoe Club engraved thereon.

The toast of the "Winners" was responded to by Messrs. N. Carnegie and Scott, after which the club cup was presented to Mr. Scott, by Mr. Yates, and the Life Member's Cup, by Mr. Fred. Matthews, and the half mile medal by Mr. R. H. Stephens to Mr. Carnegie.

The company broke up a little before midnight, having enjoyed one of the pleasantest evenings in the snow shoe annals.

After the dinner a few of the guests and office-bearers of the club, were invited by Fred. Matthews, Esq., to partake of the hospitalities of his home, for a short renewal of the pleasures of the evening. This was accepted and there was spent a very jolly time in "fighting our battles o'er again," separating as the "sweet tongued bell of a neighbouring church usheŕed in the hallowed Sabbath morn."

"HIGH SCHOOL" CLUB'S ANNUAL RACES

Took place on Saturday afternoon, February 22nd, 1873, on the Lacrosse Grounds.

The weather was very cold and the attendance of spectators small.

There were three "open" events, two of which were won by the "Alexandra," and one by the "Maple Leaf" Clubs.

ONE MILE,—club cup,—second prize,—pair of snow shoes. 3 competitors,—C. A. Handyside, 1. T. J. Rutherford, 2. F. W. Haultain, 3. Time 7 m. 56 sec.

QUARTER MILE,—boys under 12 years,—1st, pair of snow shoes,—2nd, gold pencil.—G. Napier, came in first, but being disqualified on account of age, the first prize went to A. McGibbon, A. Kay, 2. A. McGibbon, 3.

HALF MILE,—"W. McGibbon" medal.—2 competitors,—W. Kay, 1. Time, 3 m. 37 sec. A. Ross, 2.

ONE MILE,—open,—"Savage & Lyman's" Cup.—3 competitors.—T. Farmer, (A) 1. Time, 6 m. 35 sec. C. Boyle, (A) 2. R. Scott, (M) retired before running half a mile, with "stitch" in his side

100 YARDS DASH, — heats, — club, — "Fred. Cushing" medal.—5 competitors.—C. A. Handyside, won first heat, W. Kay, the second and third heats, Geo. Lamb, A. Seybold, A. C. Thomas.

HALF MILE,—boys under 15 years,—"Claxton" gold pin.—5 competitors.—A. Seybold, 1. Geo. Lamb, 2. T. G. Rutherford, E. Bryson, Bernard.

100 YARDS DASH, — open, — green,— heats, — "Mellor's" medal.—5 competitors.—George Anderson, (A) 1.

HALF MILE,—club,—"Grant" gold locket.—2 competitors.—W. Kay, 1. J. A. McGibbon, 2.

HALF MILE,—open,—"J. Street" medal.—2 competitors—H. Murphy, (M. L.) won, his only opponent Geo. Anderson, retiring at end of first quarter.

CONSOLATION QUARTER,—"A. A. Stevenson, gold pen and pencil case."—A. C. Thomas, won, Lamb, McGibbon, Bernard, Haultain.

The prizes were presented to the winners on the Ground, after the races by the Rector of the School and the Judges.

"STADACONA" CLUB RACES

Took place on the Esplanade in Quebec, on the 25th February, 1873. There was a large attendance of spectators.

Mr. J. D. Armstrong of the "Canada" Club, Montreal, was one of the competitors, winning 3 out of 4 "open" events.

ONE MILE,—open.—H. B. Jackson, 1. (gold medal).—Edward Tiernay, 2. ($5).

100 YARDS DASH,—club,—R. Battis, 1. (Gold pin). D. M. Stewart, 2. (Pair of Moccasins).

GARRISON RACE,—Tiernay, "Hussars" 1. ($5). Crane, 2. ($3). Reese "B" Battery, 3. ($2).

HURDLE RACE, 120 yards, — open, — heats,— Medal.—J. D. Armstrong, (c) 1. Chas. Millar, 2.

QUARTER MILE,—boys under 15 years.—snow shoes.—Richardson, 1. P. Myles, 2.

QUARTER MILE,—club,—1st, pair gold solitaires.—2nd, $5.—D. M. Stewart, 1. Charles Miller, 2.

HALF MILE,—open, —1st prize, medal,—2nd prize, Meerschaum pipe.—J. D. Armstrong, (c) 1. H. B. Jackson, 2.

ONE MILE,—club race,—gold medal.— Wm. Partridge, walk over.

100 YARDS DASH,—heats,—open,—Medal.—J. D. Armstrong, 1. Charles Miller 5 yards start, 2.

QUARTER MILE, Consolation stakes,—1st, $5. 2nd, $3. 3rd, $2. O. B. C. Richardson, T. Anderson. W. Anderson.

The track was heavy, and as a consequence the time was slow and unworthy of record.

"MAPLE LEAF" CLUB'S ANNUAL RACES,

Were held on the Montreal Lacrosse Grounds, on Saturday afternoon, March 1st, 1873. The weather was beautiful and a large crowd was present.

The principal contest, that between Messrs. Boyle and Bowie, for the third and last heat of the "Press" prize, did not take place owing to the non-appear-

ance of Bowie, when Boyle walked over the Course winning the "cup."

There were six "open" events, three of which were won by the "Alexandra," one by "Canada" and one by the Indians.

TWO MILES,—"club cup"—4 competitors.—W. Collins, 1. Time, 13 m. 50 sec. F. Corcoran, Short, J. C. Bowden.

QUARTER MILE, — boys, "Phelps medal."—3 competitors.—Dunn, 1. Time, 1 m. 34 sec. Reinhardt, 2. Anderson, 3.

ONE MILE,—"Press prize."—Chas. Boyle, (A) walk over.

HALF MILE,—green,—open,—1st, silver medal.—6 competitors.—Lang, 1. R. McGillis, (M) 2. J. Simpson, Bell, Kay, James Armstrong, (M.L).

100 YARDS DASH,—heats,—open,—3 competitors.—J. D. Armstrong, (C) 1. Galarneau, Bell.

HALF MILE,—open,—gold medal.—George Anderson, (A) 1. W. Collins, (M.L.) Finlay, Kay.

QUARTER MILE,—heats,—club,—"Isaacson gold medal." R. Summerhayes, 1. Murphy, 2. John Armstrong, 3.

TWO MILES,—"Mayor's cup,"—open.—4 competitors.

Some excitement was caused by the presence of Keroniare and other Indians at the post. The whites protested against them competing, but as there were no printed restrictions, the protest was of no avail and the race was started, T. Farmer (A) with the lead, Keroniare lost his shoes twice during the race, which was won by Young Thomas, Chas. Boyle, 2. Farmer retired.

HALF MILE,—green,—club,—"Ollendorff medal.—3 competitors.—George Corcoran, 1. J. Simpson.

QUARTER MILE,—open,—Gold medal.—3 competitors.—J. D. Armstrong, 1. Geo. Anderson, (A) 2. B. Daillebout, 3.

ONE MILE,—Consolation,—"McMaster cup"—club.—Jas. Armstrong won.

The prizes were distributed after the races on the Grounds, by the Judges.

"OTTAWA" CLUB RACES

Took place at Mutchmore Park, Ottawa, on March 8th, 1873. The track was in a horrid condition, the snow being wet with recent rains and pools dotting the course at frequent intervals, through which the competitors had to plunge; some 15 yds. from the finish the track was covered with water to the depth of from 8 to 10 inches. This delightfully cool foot bath was the pride of the spectators, who took especial pains to warn the runners to be "very careful and not get their feet wet." This "disease distributing" puddle could not possibly be avoided and was the means of bringing to a premature grave, one of the most promising young gentlemen in the City of Ottawa, Mr. W. E. Whitcher, who won the quarter mile race that day.

Four Montrealers, Messrs. C. Boyle and T. Farmer, of the "Alexandra" F. C. A. McIndoe and H. W. Becket, of the "Montreal" were present and competed.

The Indians, Keroniare and B. Daillebout, were also among the competitors.

There were four "open" events, all of which had three prizes attached, the "Montreal" winning one first, and one second prize; the "Alexandra" winning two, third prizes.

ONE MILE,—open,—1st, gold medal,—2nd, $15.—3rd, $10. Presented by the Privy Council of Canada.—3 competitors.—J. Baillie, (Aylmer) led from the start, time, 6m 22 s. Nurse, (Toronto) 2. T. Farmer, (Montreal) 3.

HALF MILE,—open,—1st, gold medal,—2nd, $15.—3rd, $10.— Corporation prize.—4 competitors. — Keroniare, 1. Daillebout, 2. C. Boyle, (Montreal) 3. W. E. Whitcher, 4.

QUARTER MILE, — club race,—1st, gold medal, — 2nd, $15,—3rd, $10. Pioneer Club of Ottawa.—3 competitors.—W. E. Whitcher, 1. Time, 1 m. 21 sec. Wm. Bailey, 2. W. McMahon, 3.

TWO MILES,—Indian race,—1st, $15—2nd, $10.—Keroniare, 1. Daillebout, 2.

TWO MILES,—"Governor-General's prize, Champion Gold Medal."—Open to Amateurs and members of regularly organized S. S. Clubs. Half-a-mile to be run over virgin snow,—for this race only three men appeared,—J. Baillie (Aylmer), C. Nurse (Toronto), and Crappin (Ottawa). In allowing these men to start the Judges committed a grave error, inasmuch as *all* were *professionals*, and it is questionable if any one of them belonged to a regularly organized club, as required by the conditions of the race. As none appeared to dispute their claims, the race was started. Baillie led the whole way, and won by nearly a quarter of a mile, time, 15 m. 15¾ sec. Nurse, 2, Crappin, 3.

120 YARDS, HURDLE RACE,—open,—1st, gold medal, 2nd, silver medal, 3rd, $10, presented by T. D. Harrington, Esq., —2 competitors,—H. W. Becket *(Montreal)*, won two straight heats. F. C. A. McIndoe *(Montreal)*, second.

The prizes were presented in the evening by Rufus Stevenson, Esq., M.P., at the Russel House.

Several bottles of wine were cracked, and toasts, loyal and personal, were proposed and responded to.

Messrs. Becket and McIndoe responded to the toast of "Our Montreal friends," and after a very pleasant time the party broke up about half-past 10 o'clock ; the Montrealers leaving by train, same evening, for home

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"MONTREAL" SUPPLEMENTARY RACES.

Were held on the Montreal Lacrosse grounds on Saturday afternoon, 15th March, 1873. The day was raw, cold, and uninviting, and few were in attendance to witness the sports.

The Stewards, present were His Worship the Mayor (Cassidy), A. A. Stevenson, A. W. Ogilvie, absent Messrs. Thos. White, C. J. Coursol, W. F. Kay.

The races were all "open" events, one of which was won by the "Montreal." "Canada" club won two, and two were won by the Indians.

120 YARDS HURDLE RACE,—green,—heats,—open,—gold medal,—4 competitors,—Edward Ermatinger *(M)* won first and third heats. Geo. Anderson the second, R. Summerhayes, L. Galarneau.

QUARTER MILE,—heats,—open,—gold medal,—Keroniare walked over the course.

ONE MILE,—open,—1st, gold medal, 2nd, silver medal,—B. Daillebout, 1st, time, 6¼ min. Keroniare, 2, Young Thomas, 3.

100 YARDS DASH,—green,—heats,—open,—gold medal,—4 competitors,—L. Galarneau won. Jas. K. Whyte, C McIver, Bell.

TWO MILES,—"City Championship, Mayor's Cup,"—4 competitors,—R. Scott (M), T. Farmer (A), W. Collins (M.L), Charles Lamothe (C), came to the post. Scott led the first quarter, and then retired with Cullens to talk over the "frailties" of the human frame. Farmer and Lamothe kept it up some time longer, when Farmer left the track and made for the dressing-room, from where he soon emerged and making direct for the Judges' stand, protested against the "cup" being awarded to Lamothe, on the grounds that his shoes were not regulation weight, etc.; he knew, of course, having had lots of time to study their size and shape, as Lamothe crept away from him in the race.

The protest was over-ruled by the Judges, on the ground, "that protests against competitors,&c.,must be made before a race."

Charles Lamothe, was awarded the "cup" amid great enthusiasm, time of race, 13 m. 16½ sec.

"MONTREAL" CLUB STEEPLE CHASE.

The race over the mountain for the handsome Indian hunting Coat, presented to the "Montreal" Club, by Chas. W. Radiger, Esq., took place on Wednesday evening, March 19th,

1873. There were 18 competitors. The track was in fair condition.

Thos. E. Hodgson, led the field to the post in 22½ min. R. Scott, 2. 23 m. R. McGillis, 3.

Mr. Radiger presented the Coat to the winner, complimenting him upon the good running he had made, and remarking "that directly his name was mentioned, the thought struck him that it must be little Hodgson, who had distinguished himself a few years before in the boys' races, and so it proved, thus shewing that his early training had borne good fruit in maturer years.

After three cheers for winner, the donor and the Queen, the trail home was struck.

THE SNOW SHOE RACES.

AIR—"*Camptown Races.*

Canadian fellows, sing this song,
Hurrah! hurrah!
"Wish the winter was nine months long
Hurrah! hurrah! hurrah!
"Tobogan, sleigh and slim snow shoe,"
Hurrah! hurrah!
"Wish we had nothing else to do"
Hurrah! hurrah! hurrah!

CHORUS.—Away! in Indian fyle
We tramp for many a mile,
We shout hurrah! for the manly race,
And welcome the maiden's smile.

Saturday afternoons at two
Fellows with tuques of red and blue
Muster on the snow shoe ground,
The quarter track to travel round.

At the word they toe the mark,
Runners pale and Indians dark
Pistol cracks, they're off like shot,
Weather cold, but the race gets hot.

With eager eyes and heaving breast
The leader soon is stiffly pressed,
One makes a spurt to gain the front
Wins,—or loses with a grunt.

Trip goes a shoe, down goes a man
In a worse fix than when he began,
Rough old toss, but never slip,
"Don't say die, but go it again.

Stiffened lip and muscle tense
Speed and stride become immense
Of stopping he has never a thought
Victory's sweet when odds are fought.

Pluck comes nobly to the fore
Gaining he is, more and more,
Nerves all braced he dashes on
Another spurt,—the race is won.

Hearty cheers then rent the air
Beaten men admit all fair,
Winners from all boasts refrain,
Losers say they'll try again.

Moralists who disesteem
The joys that in snow shoeing teem,
Let the moral in our race
Draw the snicker from your face.

Perseverance is our word
"Giving in" is never heard,
Men can't follow in our track,
With beer in belly or crime on back.

We require no stimuli,
Our tramp's a substitute for rye
Men who love our mountain track
To shoulder rifle are never slack.

Canada wants plucky men,
Able with arm, as well as pen,
In the tramping on snow shoe,
There's the national work we do.

THE TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION

In honour of His Excellency, Earl Dufferin, took place on Wednesday evening, January 15th, 1873. The arrangements were in the hands of the "Alexandra" Club, who invited the city clubs to join them in the tramp. This invitation was accepted by the "Canada," "Maple Leaf," "Victoria" and "Montreal" Clubs. Alex. McGibbon, Esq., kindly threw open his residence "Thornbury," to the "Alexandra" and its guests, and with princely hospitality entertained the great number who took part in the fété.

The following clipped from the "Montreal Gazette," delineates most truthfully the picturesque scene.

"It snowed the whole afternoon, and at sunset fully 3 inches covered the roads. As soon as evening fell and the lamps were lighted, a general stir was visible in the Streets, sleighs were in demand, and hundreds of pedestrians wended their way up Beaver Hall Hill, to be present at the grand start.

The scene opposite the McGill College, was one of the liveliest animation, thousands of people stood on the side walks, and every available inch of ground was encumbered.

The police were not there to clear the way, and the consequence was a great deal of confusion.

The "Alexandra" club stood directly in front of the College gates, beside them the "Canada," "Maple Leaf" and "Victoria" Clubs.

The "Montreal" Club (110 strong) was accorded the place of honour, bringing up the rear and thus mustering on Union Avenue, had the pleasure of being the first to welcome the Vice regal party. The club had just lit up and formed in line along the Street, when the Governor General's sleigh drove up. The word was given and cheer after cheer went up, His Excellency acknowledging the salute with bows and smiles. After some trouble the way was cleared for his passage to the head of McGill College Avenue, from where he was to view the march past. The word "forward" was given, and in Indian fyle the Clubs began to move through the College gates, out through the grounds, a little scattered at first, but soon more compact and finally in serried column. Up came with a magnificent sweep, the Montreal Club closing up the rear. Softly, silently, like the snow flakes upon which they trod, with the peculiar roll of the shoulders and jogging of the hips on went the band of athletes, the lurid torches illuminating their picturesque costumes, their bright turbans, their fleecy bashilisks and their cerulean tuques. Tramp,

tramp like the stroke of fate went their webbed foot-falls. It was a glib trot on the level, but when they attained the Reservoir Hill, it became a quiet steady pull indicative of resolution and training.

The Governor-General, accompanied by Lady Dufferin, witnessed the whole scene of the start from their sleigh, and it was only when the column was well up the slope, that they turned their horses and drove off by way of St. Lawrence street to reach "Thornbury." A stiff breeze was blowing, but the drive around the mountain was enlivened by the spectacle of the procession on the distant slopes, winding like a serpent of fire through the trees.

A long delay took place at the Toll Gate; after passing this obstacle, the vice-Regal party arrived at McGibbon's about 9 o'clock. The roadway was brilliantly illuminated by Chinese lanterns hung on the trees on either side, while a little to the right of the house, rockets, Roman candles, and various other fireworks added to the brilliancy of the scene.

At the door stood Mr. McGibbon, cordially greeting each new arrival and bidding him welcome.

In a few moments a faint gleam of light and then a succession of lights appeared on the mountain in the rear of the house, and soon the Alexandra, Maple Leaf, Canada and Victoria clubs formed in line at the door. Hastily disencumbering themselves of snow-shoes, and extinguishing their torches, they entered the house to make way for the "Montreal" following close at their heels. On reaching the house, the latter club, at the word of their leader, formed in line and gave three rousing cheers. Mr. McGibbon briefly responded and invited them to enter and enjoy themselves. As they filed into the hall, it seemed as though the end of the long line

would never be reached, the "Montreal" forming nearly two-thirds of the procession.

Among the guests present were His Honor the Mayor and Madame Coursol, A. W. Ogilvie and lady, Miss DeLisle, T. B. Angus, Esq., Bank of Montreal, Clive, Esq., Mixed Claims Commission, Washington, D.C., Coulson, Esq., of the Gov.-General's staff, Hon. Henry Starnes, and others who have escaped memory.

The chair, at the supper table, was filled by T. B. Warren, Esq., President of the "Alexandra" club. At his right sat Lord Dufferin, at his left the Countess.

After doing justice to the dainties spread before the guests, the Chairman proposed the loyal and patriotic toasts—we will not attempt to give these in detail, but will simply pass on to that of the Guest of the clubs.—In response the Governor-General said :

Brother Snow Shoers,—He felt it difficult to express his intense gratification at the cordial welcome he and the Countess had met with from the first day that they had set foot on the shores of the Dominion of Canada. And he could truthfully say that nowhere had this reception been warmer than it was to-night. He had been particularly struck by the picturesque sight of the torchlight procession. It was a novel spectacle, reminding him of a fairy scene. In studying the characteristics of Canada, he had been impressed by the enthusiastic devotion of the people to manly sports and exercises. The importance of these could hardly be overrated. They contributed in a great measure to the vitality of a nation's temper and the independence of the national spirit. Perhaps no people could boast of a greater variety of sports than Canada, and instanced among others, snow-shoeing, tobboganing, skating, and lacrosse, the last of which he

characterized as the gayest, liveliest, and manliest of games. He thought it was a subject of gratitude that ladies should engage on equal terms with gentlemen in several of these sports, and even occasionally surpass them. He had seen ladies dancing on the ice in Ottawa, Quebec, and Montreal, and he declared the sight to be the prettiest he had ever witnessed. Professors of Æsthetics spoke of such a thing as the poetry of motion, and he had seen it fully exemplified in the case of ladies performing various evolutions on the ice. In this the ladies of Canada should maintain their fame. When the people of a country could not only bear up against the rigor of an Arctic winter, but even lay it under contribution and make it serve to exhibit their grace and charms, they offered a beautiful example, and assisted in no inconsiderable measure to make the men brave, manly, and martial. His Excellency closed a most appropriate speech by wishing prosperity to all the snow-shoe clubs of Canada, associating with the toast the name of the Chairman, Mr. Warren.

The Chairman in reply, thanked His Excellency, and in a neat speech expressed his delight on behalf of the Clubs at his presence, etc.

The "Army and Navy" proposed by C. Peers Davidson, Esq., "Rule Britannia" was sung by W. L. Maltby, Esq.

"The Mayor and Mrs. Coursol" proposed by Hon. Henry Starnes, and responded to very wittily by His Honor.

"Our Winter Sports" found a proposer in A. A. Murphy, Esq.

The evening's entertainment was brought to a close by the toast of "Mr. and Mrs. McGibbon," which was received with deafening plaudits. The room fairly shook with the

enthusiasm. The Chairman was completely at a loss to explain the obligations of the clubs to their kind hosts. When they first projected the procession, numberless difficulties beset them, and for a time they were in a quandary, when Mr. McGibbon heard of it, he stepped forward and offered the hospitalities of his beautiful home. A bare reception under his roof as a shelter from the weather after a long tramp, would of itself have been a great favor, how could they repay their obligation on finding besides, the richest and most exuberant hospitality.

Mr. McGibbon in a few quiet words expressed his thanks and regretted that his house was not larger, etc.

While the speeches were engaging one-half the guests in the dining-hall, the remainder were engaged in the drawing-room. Here a means of entertainment was soon found, crowding round a magnificent piano the time was passed by solo and chorus singing till about eleven o'clock, when the doors of the dining-hall were thrown open and their Excellencies emerged, preparatory to their return to their hotel.

At eleven o'clock they took their departure, escorted to the Toll-gate by a number of the snow-shoers.

An hour later the whipper-in of the "Montreals" (H. W. Becket) announced all out, and the trail home was struck, leaving "Thornbury" and its hospitable tenants to the sound repose which visits the couches of the righteous.

Accident to and death of John Anderson, Esq.

The particulars of the sad accident which deprived the "Montreal" of the services of a worthy member are clipped from the *Star* of February 15th, 1873.

"While the blithesome spectators of the Snow Shoe Races on Saturday were wending their way homewards, a mournful procession pursued its way along Sherbrooke Street on its way to the General Hospital. The party dragged a toboggan bearing an unhappy looking bundle enveloped in buffalo robes. The bundle was a human being, the toboggan, the instrument whereby a lithe, active young man, had in a moment been transformed into a mere wreck, broken, bruised, and paralyzed. It will shock a wide circle to hear that the poor victim thus borne along was Mr. John Anderson, traveller for J. P. Clark & Co., dry goods merchants, a most genial young fellow, in the prime of life, and with a fine prospect opening before him.

It appears Mr. Anderson and several friends had agreed to devote Saturday afternoon to tobogganing on a steep declivity, situated beyond the Sherbrooke Toll-gate and known as "Brehaut's Hill." The place bears a bad name from having been the scene of several accidents, although not quite so serious as the present case.

The party made several trips safely, "going like the wind," as poor Anderson describes it, and the sport was at its height, when Anderson and a friend set off down the hill. The toboggan was seen to swerve from the direct course and carom against a small snow-heap. Anderson's companion shot up into the air and fell head-foremost, but is said to have escaped

with a severe shock. Poor Anderson was found with his feet still in the hood of the tobbogan, lying on his side, unable to move a limb, having apparently sustained severe injuries to the spine. With all possible despatch he was extricated and placed upon a tobbogan, which by means of robes formed a capital ambulance much preferable to a sleigh.

When received at the Hospital, the lower part of his body seemed lifeless, and it was not until midnight, after increasing efforts and attention on the part of the Hospital folks that warmth was restored.

He was placed face downwards on air pillows, so as to keep the back sharply arched, and this position he will be compelled to keep for some time. The whole length of the spine is covered with ice. We visited the poor fellow yesterday and found him suffering acute pain, but wonderfully cheerful under the circumstances.

The body below the chest is completely paralyzed, and so far all efforts to administer food had proved unavailing. The stomach repelled everything—even a mouthful of water. Some days will probably elapse ere the doctors will be able to speak confidently on the case. It is hardly necessary to add that the poor fellow wants for nothing, he has the best medical attendance, a very kind nurse, and his employers have proved themselves most compassionate gentlemen."

The poor fellow lingered, never recovering the use of the lower part of his body, until the 28th April, when death mercifully ended his sufferings. He left a large circle of friends to lament his untimely death.

The members of the Club took turns with members of the "Royal Albert" Lodge of Freemasons,

in keeping the poor fellow company through the long hours of his nights of suffering.

He joined the Club in 1866, was a member of the General Committee in 1868, '69; Secretary in 1869 70; Committee in 1870, '71, and 1871, '72.

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SEASON 1873 and 1874.

This was a memorable season in the annals of the club. Although not by any means brilliant in the number of "fast times,"—it being rather the reverse, yet the large musters at the tramps and the splendid success achieved by the club on the lyric stage tended to shew the interest taken in the cultivation, not only of physical but also of vocal excellence.

Two Concerts were given, one (in the Queen's Hall) netted the handsome sum of $111.86 to the funds of the Montreal General Hospital. The other in aid of our own funds took place in the Mechanics' Hall, —the Queen's Hall having been burned down in the interim—and was also a success.

TRAMPS.

The season was not one favourable to our pastime; 8 tramps over the mountain, and 9 of the country tramps being postponed on account of rain.

Messrs. Angus Grant and Robert McGillis, were the first, on the evening of November 12th 1873, to cross the mountain on shoes.

The snow having fallen quite early in the season the first tramp to the Club House (Roy's), took place over the mountain, on Wednesday evening, November 19th 1873, 22 members being present.

The Club crossed the mountain 13 times, average attendance 31, largest muster 45.

The club mustered at the Montreal Gymnasium, Mansfield Street, for the afternoon tramps.

Lachine was visited 3 times, average attendance 32, largest muster 35. The members driving averaged 8.

St. Laurent was visited twice, average 13, largest muster 15.

Sault-aux-Recollect, once, 22 tramped, 14 drove out.

St. Vincent de Paul — so famous in Club History—once, 11 tramped, 10 drove out.

NEW MEMBERS.

The Club Roll shewed a total of 156 members. Messrs. Geo. Roy, Edward Ermatinger, W. C. Trotter, Harry Jones, and William Cairns, were added to the list of members.

NEW CLUB.

One new Club was organized under the title of "Our Club," composed of members of the Order of the Knights of the Black Watch. It was a private organization, many of its members being also connected with other city clubs. During the

Summer season it changed its name,—on being formed into a pedestrian Club,— to the "Tecumseh" Pedestrian and Snow Shoe Club.

OBITUARY.

The Club lost one of its oldest members by death in the early spring of 1874. Although Thomas Coffin was unknown to many of the junior members, he was much thought of by the older portion of the club, and remembered as the winner of many a tough contest with the Indians, both on the track and in the Lacrosse field.

The Club did not give any prize for the usual annual steeple chase, but was the only club that held Annual Races during the season.

Roy's Hotel at the north corner of the Cote St. Catherine and Cote des Neiges roads, was chosen by the Committee as the Club House for the season.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Club was held on Wednesday evening the 12th November, 1873 in the Montreal Gymnasium, Mansfield Street, when 35 members were present, C. P. Davidson, Esq., President in the Chair. The Secretary and Treasurer read their reports which were received, after which the following gentlemen were elected Officers for the season:

N. H. HUGHES,—*Hon. Permanent President.*

C. P. DAVIDSON,—*President.*

ANGUS GRANT,—*1st. Vice-President.*

WM. L. MALTBY,—*2nd Vice-President.*

WM. H. WHYTE,—*Secretary.*
H. W. BECKET,—*Treasurer.*

COMMITTEE.

WM. CAMPBELL,	F. C. A. MCINDOE.
GODFREY S. PELTON,	D. E. BOWIE,
GEORGE SULLY,	J. R. MCKEDIE,

JOHN BROWN.

A motion by D. E. Bowie to amalgamate with the Montreal Lacrosse Club, in the matter of a club house, was ruled out of order. Nineteen names were proposed for membership, among whom were Wm. Cairns and Sam. C. Stevenson.

During the Meeting, Messrs. Angus Grant and Robt. McGillis appeared in uniform and with shoes, having crossed the Mountain.

"ALEXANDRA" CLUB'S STEEPLE CHASE

Across the Mountain, starting from the College Gate and finishing at Prendergast's gate, Cote des Neiges, took place on Monday evening 26th January 1874, and proved a success. The track was in fine condition and the time fair.

J. Simpson first, Jas. H. Davison second, Geo. Anderson, third.

VICTORIA SKATING RINK.

The absurd exhibition, (snow shoeing on ice) inaugurated at this Institution in the year 1872, appears to have become "a thing of *absurdity* and a *farce* forever" by its continuance upon the programme of the legitimate sports of the wearers of the steel.

The Annual games took place in the Rink on Thursday evening, February 11th 1874, when there was a large and fashionable audience present.

There were 39 entries for the Snow Shoe Race, which was won by Mr. George S. Hubbell, prize a gold pin.

"CANADA" CLUB'S STEEPLE CHASE

Over the Mountain, from McGill College Gates to Prendergast's Gate, took place about the 12th of February 1874.

The night was very cloudy and dark, and the runners found great difficulty in keeping the track.

Charles Lamothe, first, prize a gold medal, presented by W. W. McNaughton. Other competitors arrived in the following order: C. A. Nelson, H. J. Kavanagh, E. Chinic, Harry Starnes.

The Club dined at Prendergast's after the race.

"OUR" CLUB, "TUQUE BRUNE."

This Club organized this season, from among the members of the Order of the Black Watch, was a private institution, many of its members having their names upon the Roll of the "Montreal."

It immortalized the first season of its existence by a tramp to St. Andrews, a distance of about 45 miles—the longest upon record.

On reference to a circular issued by the Secretary, (T. J. C. Rodden) we find the route, time, etc., laid down, which were as follows:

1st. Rendezvous at corner of Bleury and Sherbrooke Streets on Friday evening, February 20th 1874, to start at 7:30 p.m. sharp, arrive at St. Eustache, at one a.m., supper, etc. Leave at 7 a.m., Saturday, reach St. Andrews about 3 p.m.

2nd. Club uniform, to be worn, viz : Blanket Coat, Brown tuque and red sash, (probably knickerbockers and stockings, or pants, covered the lower extremities, otherwise left nu le by his order.)

3rd. On Sunday a.m., the members to attend church in a body.

4th. The time for starting on the "home" tramp will be decided at St. Andrews, but to be so arranged, that members can return to business on Tuesday morning.

Then follows an invitation to Brethren to join the tramp. and a cordial welcome from the St. Andrews people promised, through the columns of the "Argenteuil Advertiser."

The weather was very stormy, and did not improve till the party was several miles on its way. There was very little snow, many fields being entirely bare, which made the travelling anything but pleasant. St. Eustache was reached at 1.45 a.m. Saturday, and a comfortable meal made by the trampers. At 7 a.m. the bugler, C. Clapham, blew the Reveille, startling the peaceful old inhabitants of the quiet town into memories of past warlike events, and serving to brighten the spirits of the trampers. A start made, snow now being plentiful and the weather bright and pleasant, the trampers enjoyed it to the full. The village of St. Benoit being reached about 10 o'clock, the party rested and had dinner. At one the route was again taken up, when after travelling about four hours and a half, St. Andrews in all its pristine beauty flashed upon the eyes of the weary voyageurs.

They were met by a deputation of the citizens who turned out to welcome them to the Town.

On Sunday, Church was attended, both Episcopal and Presbyterian. In the afternoon their Hotel was besieged by the residents desirous of testifying good wishes for their welfare.

At 8 o'clock on Monday morning the return tramp was made, in the face of a heavy storm ; nothing daunted they kept on taking the route via St. Hermas, Belle Riviere and St. Eustache, arriving at the latter place at 6 p.m., when they had dinner, arriving in Montreal early on Tuesday, morning.

The time occupied in going was thirteen hours—"Our club" made many friends and spent a jolly time.

TRAMP TO ST. ANNS (23 MILES.)

By the same club took place about the 10th March 1874. They left the Rendez-vous about 3.30 p.m ; owing to the bad state of the roads they walked on foot to Lachine, dined at Mrs. Hanna's (5.30), and 8.15 saw them on the irway, facing bravely the blustering storm which found no impediment in its long clean sweep down the River and Lake, driving the snow into heavy drifts.

In passing the residence of Mr. N. H. Hughes, nearly opposite Isle Dorval, the Boys saluted with a will—of course the old Gentlemen was out in a flash to return the salute and invited them in, which was gladly accepted. After an hour's pleasant chat they again faced the music of the storm, receiving instructions from "Evergreen" to keep to the fields as the River was open in parts. They arrived at O'Brien's Hotel, St. Anns, about midnight, where they had refreshments and the rest so well earned.

They left St. Ann's on the Return tramp at 10.30 a.m. next day, reached Point Claire at half past 12, rested an hour and had dinner. Struck the ice and kept there till open water scared them back to the fields, reaching Lachine at 3.30 p.m.—There they had another rest and dispensing with their shoes, tramped by road to Montreal arriving about 9.30 p.m.

"CANADA" CLUB'S OPEN STEEPLE CHASE

Across the Mountain took place on Saturday afternoon, 28th February 1874. Starting from McGill College gates and finishing at Prendergast's gate. There were 13 competitors. The track was very poor, notwithstanding which the time was very fast.

Charles Lamothe, (C.) first, Silver Cup, time 19m. 35s.
W. Collins, (M.L.) second, Medal, time 20m. 35s.
R. Scott, (M.) third, Medal, close up.

A dinner took place after the Race when Hon. Henry Starnes and M. P. Ryan, Esq., M. P. took part in the presentation of Prizes.

CONCERT BY THE "MONTREAL" CLUB.

The members of the Club gave two Concerts this season, the first of which was held in the Queen's Hall, St. Catherine Street, on Tuesday evening 17th February 1874, in aid of the funds of the Montreal General Hospital, over 50 members took part and it proved a grand success, both in a musical and financial point of view, the sum of $111.86 being handed the Treasurer of the Hospital. Practice under the leadership of P. R. MacLagan, Esq., Organist of Christ Church Cathedral, commenced on Monday evening, 2nd February, in the large Room over Messrs. Gould & Hill's, Piano Warerooms, and used by R. H. Brand, as a private Billiard parlor. Two practices a week were indulged in, and the men entered so heartily into the

spirit of the scheme, that the runners allowed all thoughts of training for the races to go by default ; as a consequence the Annual Races were tame, but the vocal effort was made a success in every way.

The following extract clipped from the "Evening Star" of the 18th February, does ample justice to our first appearance in public upon the stage.

The Queen's Hall last evening presented one of the most brilliant and picturesque scenes which has been witnessed within its walls this season. The Concert of the Montreal Snow Shoe Club crowded the Hall to its utmost capacity ; the elegant evening costumes of the ladies shining in silk and satin, were fancifully and picturesquely diversified by the blanket coats, gay sashes and fancy caps of the Snow Shoers, who acted as ushers and who were seen flitting about all parts of the Hall, imparting a variety and brilliancy to the scene never surpassed in the Hall.

THE DECORATIONS.

Too much praise cannot be given to the members of the Club, for their taste and labour in decorating the stage which presented a novel and beautiful appearance, adorned as it was with the emblems of Snow shoeing and Lacrosse.

Over the entrance door at the back was hung Notman's well known picture of the Club surrounded with English and Canadian flags, above this was the Arms of the Club surrounded by the motto "Tuque bleue," and above all was the emblematic "tuque" of the Club. On the right of the stage was the motto "Our Summer sports," and grouped in tasteful forms were a number of Lacrosses, while the handsome "Claxton" flags surrounded by a picture of a Lacrosse field and several little red caps sufficiently represented the summer game.

On the left of the stage was the motto "Our Winter sports" there were displayed a variety of snow shoes, from the long canoe shaped shoe used in the Hudson Bay Region, to the short round shoe used in Newfoundland, and from the heavy old Regulation "four pounder" to the lightest and most improved "racing" shoe of the present time, so light that it seems scarcely strong enough to support a man's weight and yet is tough enough to bear him lightly over the snow.

On each side in front were two raised stands, surmounted by large shields covered with maroon cloth, and both stands and shields were literally loaded with cups and medals, trophies of members of the Club. Our reporter counted 38 cups and 104 medals and gave up in despair of ever getting to the end.

THE CONCERT

Was opened by a few appropriate remarks by the President, C. Peers Davidson, Esq., after which the Club sang their familiar "Snow Shoe Tramp," Messrs. W. L. Maltby and Murray, singing each verse as a solo and the club joining in the chorus. If there had been any doubt of the success of the Concert, it was dispelled by this song which was splendidly executed and fairly electrified the audience. The appearance of the Chorus about 50 strong, all in full snow shoe costume, with their shoes strapped on their backs was extremely picturesque, and the effect was not a little heightened by the presence of the youngest member (?) of the Club, a son of Mr. John Murray, who has reached the considerable height of three feet nothing, and looked charmingly funny with a pair of snow shoes almost as long as himself strapped on his back.

It would be impossible to follow the programme through in detail, we must therefore, content ourselves with saying that the solos, "The Queen's letter" by Mr. John Murray;

"Terence's farewell," by Mr. J. R. Flannery; "A Mariner's Home, the Sea," by Mr. W. L. Maltby; "Let me like a Soldier fall," by Mr. Arthur Perkins; "The Railway Porter," by Mr. John Gay; the "Owl," by Mr. Fred. Hawkesly, were well rendered and called forth rounds of applause.

Mr. John Burland read some selections from "Handy Andy," and Mark Twain's "Story of a Musket" in a very humorous style; and the piano Solo "Marche aux Flambeaux," by Mr. Alex. Perkins elicited a well merited *encore*. The duett "Love and War," by Messrs. Perkins and Maltby, was also thoroughly well done.

We have reserved for the last the songs and choruses of the Club which were undoubtedly the feature of the evening, and were all well done. They consisted of "Tuque bleue" a spirited song to the Air of "Good bye Charlie," written by Dr. W. G. Beers, the Solo being excellently well sung by Mr. Donald Campbell, who possesses a clear sweet tenor voice, and the chorus given with good effect by the Club. "Rule Britannia," Air by Mr. Campbell, "March of the Men of Harlech," "En roulant ma boule," led by Mr. N. H. Hughes, "Lutzow's Wild hunt" and "God Save the Queen."

Several of the choruses were encored and in response to one encore "The tramp to Lachine" was given by Mr. Hughes, with chorus.

We must not omit to mention Mr. Robert Crosbie, who presided at the Piano, and Mr. P. R. Maclagan, Organist of Christ Church Cathedral who assisted as conductor, and to whose efforts in training the choruses the success of the Concert is to some extent due.

We may state here that with the exception of the conducting, everything connected with the Concert and decorations was done by the members of the Club. The Club may

be congratulated on having given something new and unique in its style, and the noble charity to whose benefit the proceeds are to be devoted will be considerably benefitted by the substantial results of their efforts last night.

SECOND CONCERT.

The second Concert of the Montreal Snow Shoe Club, took place last night in the Mechanics Hall, and was a marked success in every respect. The Hall was filled with a large and fashionable audience, unusually sharp on time. The decorations were similiar to those used at the last Concert. The shields and supports saved from the Queen's Hall fire were renovated and recovered by the medals and cups won by the members, but we were sorry to miss a large number, as it is known that the Club possesses over $5,000 worth in prizes. The arrangement on the small gallery, of Lacrosses, Snow Shoes, blue tuques and the Claxton flags, won by the Montreal Lacrosse Club three years in succession, was very tasteful, as well as the mottoes beautifully done by Mr. James Sutherland, a member of the Club.

The programme opened with "The Snow Shoe tramp," by Messrs. Murray and Maltby, with chorus by the Club. A charming solo "Only to Love," by Mr. A. C. MacDougall, was rendered with much taste, as well as the solo "Marie" by Mr. Donald Campbell. The chorus "to all ye Ladies," sung by the Club without accompaniment was a rousing production. Mr. Gay, as the "Railway Porter" seemed to forget his part in the beginning, but he recovered himself admirably towards the end. "Lutzow's Wild Hunt" was sung with considerable discrimination. This ended the first part. After a short intermission the Club filed on the stage again, and opened with the Solo and Chorus "Tuque bleue" which they did so effectively that the audience demanded an encore,

and the two last verses were repeated. At the end of the last verse Mr. Donald Campbell, who sang the solo, brought to the front the little boy of Mr. John Murray, as he sang

"When limbs are stiffened by old time,
We'll keep the Club in view,
"By training up our olive leaves,
To wear the bright tuque bleue."

The little chap as well as a younger olive leaf, the son of the President, Mr. Davidson, joined in the chorus with full strength of lung. At the last chorus, "Hurrah for the wearing of the bright tuque bleue," the whole Club took off their *tuques* and waved them.

Mr. Maltby's fine voice appeared with good effect in "Rage thou angry storm."

Mr. Burland gave a reading "Selection from Mark Twain" and in response to a vociferous encore gave "Amateur Actors." The solo and chorus "En roulant ma boule," led by Mr. Hughes and followed by the Club, imitating paddling was very fine, and reminded one of the Ottawa and the *voyageurs*. "Cantique de Noel" solo voices in unison, was one of the finest pieces on the programme, and was not half appreciated. Mr. Flannery sang "Far on the deep blue sea" in his usual good style. The solo, and chorus with original music and words, "The Snow Shoe call" introducing the Alpine call and echoes, and the "Montreal" shout was evidently new to some of the members, but we understand that this piece has only been practised four times, "God save the Queen" finished an enjoyable evening. *(From the Gazette.)*

The following gentlemen were the Concert Committee :—Messrs. C. Peers Davidson, Angus Grant, George Sully, Robert Crosbie and Hugh W. Becket, Secretary.

THE SNOW SHOE CALL.

(Dedicated to the Montreal S. S. Club by W. G. Beers, 1874.)

Here's to the slim snow shoe
Its glory we renew,
Its fame will live and pleasure give
To manly hearts and true.
May its graceful dipping
The fair and brave enthral,
And with it live the echoes of
Our mountain snow shoe call.
Tull-lul-lul-li-it-too

CHORUS.—Hear the wild shout of the snow shoers!
(The call)
Ringing o'er mountain and valley!
(The call)
Dying away in the valley.

Here's to the rousing song
We sing as we tramp along,
Over the hill it bounds and trills
In echoes clear and strong.
If the strength and glory
Of youth you would recall,
Then exercise your lungs and limbs
On snow shoes with our call.

CHO.—Hear the wild, etc.

Here's to our Queen's command !
By England's Throne we'll stand,
When time and strength will make at length
A nation of our land.
Never may her standard
Beneath another fall,
And ever loyal live the men
Who shout the snow shoe call.

CHO.—Hear the wild, etc.

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"MONTREAL" CLUB'S ANNUAL RACES

Were held upon the Lacrosse grounds, on Saturday afternoon, 21st February 1874. The day was stormy, disagreeable and the attendance of spectators small. In consequence of the interest shewn in a new venture of the Club, viz: the Concert, little time was thrown away upon training, the result being slim fields and poor competition.

The Stewards were, His Honour the Mayor, A. Bernard, Esq., Messrs. A. A. Stevenson, A. W. Ogilvie, W. F. Kay and Thomas White, Jr.

There were six "open" events, "Maple Leaf" Club won three, "Canada" one, "Alexandra" one, Indians, one.

TWO MILES, INDIAN RACE.

Prizes, $15, $8, $6, $4. Keroniare (1), time 13 m. 35 sec. B. Daillebout, (2) Joseph Thomas, (3) M. Daillebout, (4).—5 competitors.

100 YARDS DASH, OPEN,

In heats—prize gold medal.—5 competitors,—Robert Summerhayes 1, (M.L), time 14 s. 13½ sec.

TWO MILES, CLUB CUP

Brought out two competitors. — John McGinn, (1) W. L. Allen, (2).

HALF MILE, OPEN,

Prize gold medal.—2 competitors,—Geo. Corcoran, (M.L) 1, time 3 m. 25 sec. D. Waugh, (2).

QUARTER MILE, BOYS,

Prize silver medal.—5 competitors,—Nicholson, (1) time 1.42.

100 YARDS DASH, CLUB,

In heats, President's prize.—5 competitors,—J. Davey, first.

QUARTER MILE DASH

Open,—gold medal.—2 competitors,—R. Summerhayes, (M.L) 1. George Anderson 2, time 1 m. 21 sec.

HALF MILE, CLUB

Life Member's cup.—John Davey, 1. Thomas Hodgson came in first, but having lost a shoe was disqualified. Time 3 m. 23 sec.—5 competitors.

ONE MILE, OPEN,

Silver cup.—Charles Lamothe, (C) walked over, time 6 m. 5s.

100 YARDS HURDLE RACE

Green, heats,—gold medal.—Geo. Anderson, (A) 1.—2 competitors.

The prizes won by other than members of the Club, were presented after the races, those won by members were given at the Annual Dinner.

"MONTREAL" CLUB'S ANNUAL DINNER

Was held at the Terrapin Restaurant, Notre Dame Street, on Monday evening, 6th April 1874. About forty sat down and a pleasant evening was spent The chair was occupied by the Hon-Permanent President, N. H. Hughes, Esq., C. P. Davidson, the President, being called from the city on business.

The vice chairs were filled by Messrs. Angus Grant and Wm. H. Whyte.

Among the guests present were His Worship the Mayor, Hon. Henry Starnes, Col. A. A. Stevenson, Messrs. Thomas White Jr., (Gazette), Arthur Birks, "Alexandra" Club, P. R. Maclagan, Organist Christ Church Cathedral.

The prizes won by Messrs. McGinn and Davey, were presented. The party broke up about midnight after spending a very pleasant evening.

The following words were composed and dedicated to the Montreal Club, by Mr. John McGinn, "Club cup" man of '74.

"FAR, FAR ACROSS THE SNOW."

When bright Summer days are past,
And old Winter's stormy blast
Has spread o'er all his mantle pure and white,
Then our hearts they are aroused
And our snow shoes are unhoused,
For we hail his tardy coming with delight.
While some his chill may fear,

We greet him with a cheer
As we sally forth his liberty to share,
Then with sturdy hearts and true,
Blanket coat and bright "Tuque Bleue,"
Right gaily goes the tramp when the moon shines fair.

CHORUS.—Far, far across the snow,
Where the stormy winds do blow,
We tramp it out and drive away dull care,
And the frosty air doth ring
As right merrily we sing,
O gaily goes the tramp, when the moon shines fair,

Haste my comrades, hear the call,
Bind the snow shoe one and all,
Once more the old Club forms in Indian file,
Up across the mountains steep,
Thro' the forest, dark and deep
We travel free again for many a mile,
There's a fragrance on the breeze
As it whistles thro' the trees,
True freedom's happy notes we love to hear
And each heart responsive thrills
As we travel o'er the hills, [clear.
Whether blows the roughest storms or the moon shines

Thirty years and more have sped
Since our veterans first led
A small but sturdy band across the snow,
And tho' new faces meet our sight,
The same old Club is here to-night
To keep it up tho' stormy winds may blow.
Lightly burdened time doth fly,
Fast the days are drawing nigh
When we to time must doff the light snow shoe.
But we never shall forget
The happy days and friends we've met
On our merry, sturdy tramps with the old "tuque bleue."

THE LATE THOMAS COFFIN.

"Mr. Thomas Coffin, Clerk in the Prothonotary's Office, was found dead in his bed, on the morning of Sunday last. The verdict returned at the inquest was, "Death from congestion of the Brain." The deceased was a son of the late Prothonotary Coffin, and had been employed in the office even before his father's death. His sudden death has caused mourning to many relatives and friends."

The above was clipped from the "Montreal Gazette" of the 6th May, 1874.

LEVIS (QUE.) SNOW SHOE CLUB.

This club was organized in 1865, Mr. W. Harder, an old Montrealer, being the prime mover. Through the kindness of that gentleman and the Secretary, Mr. T. A. Anderson, we have been enabled to add some interesting accounts of races run some years since.

On Saturday afternoon, 16th March 1872, the supplementary races of this club were held on the ice near the G. T. Depot, Levis.

The Judges were Messrs. Edward W. Sewell and H. A. Murphy.

The weather was bright and cold; a strong wind made running difficult to the competitors.

QUARTER MILE CLUB. — M. Crean, 1. sett gold sleeve links. A. Ritchie, 2. gold pin. T. A. Anderson, 3. gold pencil case. 5 competitors.

HALF MILE, boys under 14 years.—Charles Hall, 1. pair of snow shoes. B. O'Hara, 2. photo album. 5 competitors.

HALF MILE,—club.—A. Marquette, 1. gold pencil case. M. Dion, 2. inkstand. 4 competitors.

ONE MILE,— open—H. Jackson, 1. gold medal. Ed. Tiernay, 2. gold ring. 9 competitors.

QUARTER MILE,—Volunteers,—M. Crean, 1. $2. Ed. Tiernay, 2. $1.50. H. B. Anderson, 3. $1.

LEVIS S. S. CLUB.

The Annual races came off at Levis on Saturday, 1st March, 1873. The weather was mild and the track lumpy.

ONE MILE—open,—Ed. Tiernay, 1. medal. F. Lemieux, 2. ring. 3 competitors.

HALF MILE, club.—S. Piton, 1. medal. T. A. Anderson, 2. pencil case. 4 competitors.

QUARTER MILE, OPEN, heats. — Ed. Tiernay, 1. $5. F. Lemieux, $3. 4 competitors.

BOYS RACE.—John McGie, 1. Snow shoes. Percy Myles, 2. Album. 4 competitors.

ONE MILE CLUB.—T. A. Anderson, 1. club cup. F. Lemieux, 2. 4 competitors.

100 YARDS, DASH, HEATS,— OPEN.—E. Tiernay, 1. pair solitaires. C. Millar, 2. 3 competitors.

LEVIS S. S. CLUB.

The Annual Races came off on Saturday after-

noon, 3rd March 1874, on the Ice at Levis. The day was fine, and the track heavy.

ONE MILE, OPEN.—H. J. Jackson, 1. gold medal. Piton, 2. gold ring. Time, 6.53.

HALF MILE, boys under 15 years. — John McGee, 1. snow shoes. G. Cairns, 2. sash. John Goudie, 3. Album.

HALF MILE, CLUB. — F. N. Ritchie, 1. silver medal. T. A. Anderson, 2. locket. Time 3.17.

QUARTER MILE, HEATS.—H. B. Jackson, 1. opera glass. W. R. Brodie, 2. card case. 4 competitors.

120 YARDS, boys under 8 years. —C. V. Anderson, 1. silver ring. C. Norris, 2. Draught board. A. Bergevin, 3. set of Dominoes, 6 entries.

100 YARDS DASH,—heats, open.—M. Crean, 1. sett gold studs. Charles Millar, 2. 4 competitors.

ONE MILE, club.—S. A. Piton, 1. gold medal. F. N. Ritchie, 2. gold pencil. 3 entries.

QUARTER MILE, club, (green).—P. Gurrie, 1. Inkstand. H. Sample, 2. set of studs. J. Kromstrom, 3. match box. 6 entries.

120 YARDS, HURDLE RACE, heats, open to Quebec Clubs only.—C. Millar, 1. gold pin. S. Piton, 2. gold locket.

CONSOLATION STAKES.—N. Dion, A. Shipman, W. Addison.

GARRISON RACE.—Sinclair, Brooks, Addison.

SEASON 1874 and 1875.

This season stands unsurpassed in the annals of the

club, both in the number of and regularity in attendance at the tramps. There were few evening and no afternoon tramps postponed on account of unfavourable weather.

TRAMPS.

The first tramp took place on November 18th 1874 when 23 tramped by the Road to the Club-House. (Roy's Hotel.)

The first mountain tramp took place a week later, when 36 members donned shoes to break the trail.

The last tramp took place over the mountain on the 24th March 1875 when 26 were present.

The club crossed the mountain 18 times with an average attendance of 38, largest muster 80.

Lachine was visited three times, average attendance 15, largest muster 20, members driving 14.

Sault aux Recollect, twice, average attendance 23, largest muster 40, driving 7.

Bord-a-plouffe, once, 25 tramped, 5 drove.

St. Laurent, once, 35 tramped, 5 drove.

Longue Pointe, once, 31 tramped, 5 drove.

Longueuil, once, 35 tramped.

The average attendance on the nine tramps being 31.

On the occasion of the Longue Pointe tramp,

the club met the Longueuil club, which accepted our hospitality and a very jolly evening was spent.

Before parting an invitation was given by the Longueuil club and accepted by ours, to meet them at their quarters the following Saturday. The evening was spent in singing and dancing, much to the enjoyment of those participating.

CONCERT.

The club gave a most successful concert at St. Andrews for the benefit of the Presbyterian Church there, which netted $120 to its funds.

NEW MEMBERS.

Eighty five names were added to the Roll during the season; among whom were Messrs Robert Summerhayes, George F. Corcoran, George R. Starke, George S. Hubbell, Wm. K. Roy, and Henry Downs.

There were 165 active members on the Roll, besides 20 Life Members.

FINANCES.

The finances were in a flourishing condition, the sum of $54. being to the credit of the club.

NEW CLUBS

Two new clubs were organized this season, viz. the "Caledonia" and the "Emerald".

ANNUAL MEETING

of the club was held in the Montreal Gymnasium on Wednesday evening, 11th November, 1874 when 40 members were present.

After the Reading of the Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, the club elected the following gentlemen as Office Bearers for the year ;

C. PEERS DAVIDSON.—*President.*
ANGUS GRANT.—*1st Vice-President.*
H. W. BECKET.—*2nd Vice-President.*
W. H. WHYTE.—*Secretary.*
THOS. CAMPBELL.—*Treasurer.*

Committee.

R. CROSBIE,	WM. CAMPBELL,	D. E. BOWIE,
W. L. MALTBY,	G. S. PELTON,	J. R. MCKEDIE,
	F. C. A. MCINDOE.	

23 names were proposed for membership.

MONTREAL CLUB'S CONCERT AT ST. ANDREWS.

An invitation from the good people of St. Andrews. (Que.) having been received, the "Montreal" Club proceeded by Rail and "shoe" to that most hospitable village there to give one of its popular Concerts in snow shoe costume ; the proceeds to be given to the Presbyterian Church. The event took place on Saturday evening January 2nd 1875.

The Tramp on Snow Shoes.

The following gentleman tramped, Messrs, W. C. Trotter, G. S. Pelton, A.W. Stevenson, G.C. Vandal, H. Downs, W. L. Allen, W. D. McLaren, Jr. D. C. Alguire, Salter, J.R. McKedie, W. McKenzie,—11 in all.

They left Montreal at 8 o'clock on Thursday evening December 31st., 1874; the weather being very cold. The party arrived at St. Eustache as the first born hours of the New-Year were being mustered into the past. After many hearty congratulations and a merry time around the festive board, the trampers sought the downy couches provided by their rural landlord. Half past eight the same morning saw them well on the way to St. Placide with a hearty breakfast tucked under their waist belts. It was a blessing that the good angel whose home is in the Village of St. Joseph du Lac, cropped up in their way and so kindly fed and cared for them, as getting entangled in the woods and cedar swamps, between that village and St. Placide, a most arduous tramp was the consequence; broken shoes added to the misery of the occasion, but the remembrance and effect of the wholesome coffee and bread received at her hands carried them through the wood. The kind attention of a "habitant"—whose look of astonishment,as the Trampers filed up to ask the direction of

St. Placide, was something irresistibly funny to behold—was most heartily appreciated.

On arriving at that charming Village they found a good dinner awaiting them, which had been ordered by two of the trampers, who thinking sleighing the better part of snow shoeing had driven from St. Eustache, "to get dinner ready at St. Placide, for the boys." Having done ample justice to the meal and feeling invigorated by the consumption thereof, the party started once more for St. Andrews, which was reached by eleven o'clock p.m. After removing wet mocassins, etc ,the party was once more seated around the festal board. With the disappearance of each plateful, spirits revived and when the friendly aid of tobacco was invoked, none but were ready to do the tramp again. Many were the jokes told and all heartily coincided with "the party" who declared that it was the "pleasantest New Year's day he had ever spent."

The Trip by Rail and Road.

On Saturday morning January 2nd, others of the Club viz., Messrs N. H. Hughes, C. P. Davidson, Angus Grant, W. Geo. Beers, W. H. and J. K. Whyte, R. Crosbie, Thos. E. Hodgson, Geo. S. Hubbell, E. Bulmer, J. A. Bulmer, J. H. Garth, Don. Campbell D. E. Cameron, D. Mills, Jn. Moore, A. Weaver, J. J. Alexander, G. W. Brown, Geo. Starke, D.

Thomas, D. Davidson, M. Freeman, A. McGregor, H.O. Lyman, Jas. L. Gardner, G.C. Langley, W. E. Hagar, J. B. Woods, G. A. Winks, W. Stevenson, John Gay, R. Summerhayes, J. Sutherland, P. Millar, W. Clare, F. Muir, J. Carnegie, E. Havilland, and G. Walker—40 in all, left Montreal by train for Vaudreuil, thence to St. Andrews by teams which met them at the Railroad station. The men were billeted among the first families of the place and after partaking of supper, proceeded to the Hall where a most successful Concert was given. "The Choruses were under the leadership of Mr. Donald Campbell while Mr. Robt Crosbie most ably did the duties of accompanyist on the piano." Mr. David Mills in his humorous song took the villagers by storm. We might also mention the names of Messrs Don. Campbell, D. E. Cameron, John Gay, and N. H. Hughes, who all did their parts well."

The Concert over, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the members of the Club and suitably acknowledged by Messrs Hughes and Davidson. After a good night's rest, the Club met at head quarters, (Sauvé's Hotel) and at 10.45 marched to the Scotch Church (the object of their endeavours) where an excellent sermon was preached by the assistant minister. In the evening they repaired to the English church, where a few of the members

took part in the service ; the " Cantique de Noel " being rendered most effectively.

The Club left St. Andrews at 2.30 a.m. next day in sleighs, to catch the train from the west which they did, and arrived in Montreal in great spirits and loud in their praise of the ladies and gentlemen of St. Andrews.

To attempt to express the thanks of the Club is simply impossible, and any thing they did for the St. Andrew's people was amply repaid by the magnificent manner in which they were treated by people to whom the greater number were utter strangers, each one vieing with the other to do more than their neighbours to make the sojourn of the "tuque bleue" as comfortable and merry as possible.

The proceeds of the Concert amounted to $120,

ANNUAL MOUNTAIN STEEPLE CHASE

of the Montreal club, took place on Wednesday evening, January 20th 1875. There were 26 competitors. The night was glorious and the moon shone bright and silvery in a cloudless sky.

About 80 Members tramped out to enjoy the magnificence of the weather and the moonlit beauty of the scenery.

The course was from the College Gates to Roy's

Hotel at the Junction of the Cote St. Catherine and Cote des Neiges Roads, over a quarter of a mile from the "Bellevue," and about half a mile more of a Run than to the old finish at Prendergast's gate.

The first prize a gold scarf pin, was presented by Mr. Roy of the Club House which Thomas E. Hodgson won, time 24m. 7s.

The sum of $25 in prizes was divided among the following, who arrived within four minutes of the winner, Messrs Henry Downs, R. McGillis, Fred. McIndoe, Geo. Roy, Robt. Summerhayes, Geo. Starke, G. S. Hubbell, Salter, Wm. Cairns, G. Scott.

After supper and a dance the Club tramped back over the Mountain.

"TECUMSEH" CLUB'S TRAMP TO AND CONCERT AT ST. ANDREWS.

On Thursday January 21st. 1875 at half past 3 in the afternoon, five of the members started from this city on a 45 mile tramp to St. Andrews.

The accounts given by those who participated in the journey, declare it was about the roughest tramp they ever engaged in.

St. Anns was reached at 8.30 same evening, the first 24 miles being accomplished in about five hours. Here they were joined by two other members and

after four hours rest, started for St. Placide, which was reached about noon on Friday; the trampers having lost themselves for 4 or 5 hours on the Lake of Two Mountains. At 2 o'clock they made the last start for St. Andrews, where they arrived shortly after 5. o'clock. Here the Reception Committee met them and the best of accommodation provided. The six o'clock train brought a reinforcement of 12 members. The same evening A. Bell Esq., invited the party to a Ball, which kind invitation was accepted by all, even by those whose "long stretch" would have been ample apology for a "regret." About 30 couples were present and a merry time was spent.

The concert given by the Club was held in the Drill shed on Saturday evening, January 23rd 1875 and its object, to aid the organ fund of Christ's Church, St. Andrews.

During the afternoon a two mile race took place. The prize, a silver cup, was presented by the Ladies of St. Andrews, to be won two years in succession. The Course was staked out upon the North River and a large crowd was present. Six competitors started but after half a mile had been run, John C. Bowden had it all to himself, the rest having retired, and he jogged over the remainder of the Course.

In the evening the Concert took place and was a

great success both artistically and financially, $150 going to the Organ fund.

After the Concert a Ball was held in the Hall, when the club men enjoyed themselves to their hearts content. Before breaking up Mr. Wanless was called to the Chair and a vote of thanks passed to the "Tecumseh", to which J. B. Burland responded and on behalf of the Club presented Mr. Jones, (the Mayor of St. Andrews) with a photo of the Club members.

On Sabbath the Club attended Church and on Monday returned by team and train to Montreal.

Two members (Messrs Sully and McIntosh) started on Sunday at noon to tramp from St. Andrews to Vaudreuil, arriving there at 10 p.m. the same day. They had great difficulty in making their way against the storm, especially in crossing the Lake of Two Mountains, where the wind had a clean sweep.

ST. ANDREWS SNOW SHOE CLUB.

This club was organized in St. Andrews during the season. W. D. Larmonth, *President*, Thomas Lamb, *Vice President*, C. T. Wales, *Sec.- Treasurer*. Messrs A. Le Roy, A. C. Ramboth, J. McConnell, John Caution, Ben. McDonald, J. Webster, J. Weightman. *Committee.*

VICTORIA SKATING RINK.

The Snow Shoe Race which took place, among other games, at this Institution, on Friday evening 29th January 1875, was won by Geo. S. Hubbell. R. McGillis second, 7 competitors, distance 4 times round the Rink,

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"MONTREAL" CLUB'S ANNUAL RACES

took place on the Montreal Lacrosse Grounds on Saturday afternoon, 13th February, 1875.

The weather was fine and the attendance of spectators large.

W. K. Roy, who had just returned on a visit from his home on the Western Prairies, astonished the spectators by his "form," winning the half and one mile easily.

The Judges present, were, Dr. Hingston, Col A. A. Stevenson, N. H. Hughes.

There were five "open" amateur events, all of which were won by the "Montreal".

TWO MILES, Indians,—prizes, $12, $8, $4, $2.—Keroniare, 1. Lefebvre, 2. M. Daillebout, 3.

100 YARDS, DASH,—heats,—open, prize, gold medal.—Robt. Summerhayes, (M) 1. two straight heats. Robt. Stewart, 2.

TWO MILES,—club cup.—Thos. E. Hodgson, first, time

14 m. 22 sec. Geo. Roy, 2nd. H. Downs, 3rd.—six competitors.

HALF MILE,—open,—prize, gold medal,—William K. Roy, (M) first, time 3 m. 12¼ sec.—McKenna 2nd.—3 competitors.

QUARTER MILE,—Boys under 4ft.—medal.—T. McNulty, Dowd, 2nd (son of an old member, Frank Dowd.)

HALF MILE—CLUB,—green,—President's prize, run in uniform—William Cairns, 1st. time 3 m 11½ sec.—8 competitors.

QUARTER MILE.—open, dash,—prize, gold medal—was a trial between R. Summerhayes of the "Montreal" and John Davey of the "Caledonia". Davey was a member of "ours" this season but resigned and formed the club dignified by the Scottish cognomen. Summerhayes won—3 competitors.

ONE MILE, open,—silver cup,—W. K. Roy, (M) won easily —Jos. Laing (C) 2nd,—Thos. E. Hodgson giving up,—3 competitors.

100 YARDS, HURDLE RACE,—open, in heats,—prize, gold medal,—Thos. E. Hodgson (M) first—3 competitors.

The only prize won outside the club members was presented on the ground to the winner, young McNulty, by the Mayor, Dr. Hingston. The rest were presented at the Annual Dinner.

ANNUAL DINNER

took place in the evening at the "Terrapin" Notre Dame Street.

In the unavoidable absence of the President, Mr. Angus Grant occupied the chair. Messrs Hugh W. Becket and Wm. H. Whyte occupying the Vice-chairs.

Among the guests present were His Worship the Mayor Dr. Hingston, Colonels Frank Bond, and E. A. Whitehead Messrs. Alex. McGibbon, A. W. Stevenson, representing "Canada" club, Charles Boyle, "Emerald" club, John Davey, "Caledonia" club.

Prizes were presented to the winners of the day, Messrs Thos. E. Hodgson, (2) W. K. Roy, (2) Summerhayes (2) Wm. Cairns.

Messrs. Samuel and Donald Campbell, D. E. Cameron, D. Mills, N. H. Hughes, John McGinn and E. Bulmer favoured the company with some good songs.

The President arriving shortly before breaking up, was received with three times three.

The Company separated about mid-night after spending a most enjoyable evening.

"EMERALD" CLUB'S ANNUAL RACES.

The first races of this club took place upon the Lacrosse Grounds on Saturday afternoon, 20th, February, 1876. The weather was very disagreeable the snow falling in large heavy flakes, making it unpleasant for spectators.

There were four "open" amateur events, "Montreal" winning three, "Emerald" one.

Two MILES,—Indian handicap.—Prizes, $15. $6. $4. On the fourth lap Keroniare (s), caught the leader, and won by two yards. B. Daillebout (25 yards.) 2. Young Lefebvre and Joe. Foster (50 yards.) M. Daillebout and White Eagle, (75 yards) Joe Motour and another (100 yards). time 13 m. 31½ sec.

HALF MILE,—green, open,—prize, Silver Watch.—owing to a foul, the race was run twice, first heat was won by George S. Hubbell, (M) a foul having been entered, it was run over, when George R. Starke (M) won, R. Stewart second, Hubbell distanced—6 competitors—time 3 m 15 sec.

TWO MILES,—club cup race,—T. Martin, first,—time 14m. 30½ sec. J. Boyle, 2. McKenna, Mullins, Woods, and another.

100 YARDS,—heats, open,—Medal.—McIver won choice of positions and consequently the race, as there was only a narrow path, outside of which the snow was soft and deep McIver (E) first, two straight heats. R. Summerhayes, (M) 2. R. Stewart (M) 3.

BOY'S RACE,—(4 feet) silver medal—¼ mile, only one boy of 4 feet making his appearance, the race was thrown open to taller youths, when————won.

QUARTER MILE DASH,—open,—gold medal.—Wm. Cairns (M) first, John Davey (C) 2. R. Summerhayes 3. 3 competitors,—time 1 m 18¾.

HALF MILE,—green, club, gold medal,—McKenna, first, time 3 m 18½ sec. Cloran 2, Butt 3, Wood, Simpson, McNally.

ONE MILE,—open,—gold medal,—Geo. Roy, (M) first R. Scott (M) 2, defeating Chas. Boyle, (E) George R. Starke, Lang (C), and Mullins,—time 6 m 44 sec.

The prizes were presented to the winners by the Mayor Dr. Hingston who complimented each upon his pluck and endurance.

ST. GEORGE'S CLUB.

17 Members tramped to St. Johns. Que, on the 20th,

February 1875, returning by way of Chambly and Longueuil.

STADACONA CLUB'S RACES.

During the Season this Club held races in Quebec, when the following programme was carried through.

The Judges were his Worship the Mayor, the Earl of Dunraven, Col. Strange, Col. Alleyn, C. R. Coker and J. R. Middlemiss.

Track was heavy.

ONE MILE.—S. Piton, 1. gold medal—time, 7.38. H. P. Challoner, 2. gold locket 5 entries.

ONE HUNDRED YARDS, HURDLES—heats.—Chas. Millar 1. gold medal. 4 entries.

QUARTER MILE, GARRISON,—Government shoes,—Driver Addison, 1. $5. Drummer Jordan, 2. $3. Gunner Hilliard, 3. $2. 3 entries.

QUARTER MILE, GREEN—club.—G. Stevenson, 1. gold pin. H. Drummond, 2. pair of snow shoes. 4 entries.

100 YARDS — DASH,—heats.—Charles Millar, 1. silver, medal. 6 entries.

QUARTER MILE.—H. J. Chalmer, 1. gold ring. 4 entries.

CONSOLATION RACE.—W. R. Brodie, 1. $5. M. Foley, 2. $2.

LEVIS SNOW SHOE CLUB.

The fourth Annual Races of the club, took place on the ice near G. T. R. Depot at South Quebec on Saturday 27th February 1875, and were a complete success.

ONE MILE,—open, first prize, gold medal, second, gold ring,—S. A. Piton 1,—time 6 m 20 sec.—H. R. Challoner 2, W. R. Brodie,—3 competitors.

QUARTER MILE, BOYS,—under 15 years—Fred Powell 1, opera glass A. V. Anderson 2, (album).

QUARTER MILE,—green,—club—G. Ramsay 1, (medal) A. Cairns 2, (gold pencil case).

QUARTER MILE,—open,—S. A. Piton 1, (silver cup) time 1 m 15sec.—H. P. Challoner 2, (gold pencil case). W. R. Brodie.

200 YARDS,—boys under 10 years,—C. W Anderson 1, (snow shoes) R. Ramsay 2, (draught board).

HALF MILE,—club,—T. A. Anderson 1, (gold pin) P. Gurry 2, gold locket.

100 YARDS DASH,—heats, open,—Charles Millar 1, silver medal.

ONE MILE,—club,—S. A. Piton 1, gold medal, time 7 m. 15 sec.—P. Gurry 2. Gold Solitaires.

QUARTER MILE, Consolation,—T. Moran, 1. ($4) W. R. Brodie, 2. ($2).

BOYS RACE,—prize, Box of Paints,—V. Lemieux, 1.

Prizes were presented to the winners by Mr. Thomas Anderson, of South Quebec.

QUEBEC SKATING CLUB.

A Snow Shoe Race took place, among the other club sports at their Rink, Quebec on Thursday evening 4th March 1876, 3 times round the Rink, winner, Mr. Charles Millar, (silver medal). W. R. Brodie 2. (watch stand).

"CALEDONIA" CLUB'S RACES.

The first Annual races of this club took place on

the Rifle Ranges at Point St. Charles, Saturday afternoon 6th March 1875.

The weather was not very pleasant, snow falling heavily all the afternoon.

There was a large attendance of spectators and the competition keen.

There were five "open" events. "Montreal" won three, "Canada" one. "Emerald one.

TWO MILES, Indians, handicap,—Keroniare, scratch, B. Daillebout 40 yards. M. Daillebout 50 yards. Young Thomas 75 yards, White Eagle and Lefebvre 125 yards, Motour, 150 yards. 7 competitors—B. Daillebout 1. Keroniare, 2. M. Daillebout, 3.

ONE MILE,—club,—4 competitors,—Joseph Laing, 1. John Alpeck, 2. Henry Belcher, J. McCowan.

HALF MILE,—open—George S. Hubbell (M)—Cloran. and Woods of "Emerald", Britt, Millar and Deroche, 6 competitors,

QUARTER MILE DASH,—open,—3 competitors,—Robert Summerhayes (M) 1. John Davey, (C) 2. William Cairns, (M) 3.

ONE MILE,—open,—2 competitors,—Charles Lamothe, won by 75 yards. George Starke, (M) second.

QUARTER MILE DASH,—club,—Montgomery, 1. Joseph Laing, Walmsley, Dockett, Cuthbert.

BOYS RACE,—Cunningham, 1,

HALF MILE,—open,—W. Cairns, (M) 1. Geo. Starke, (M) 2. Joseph Laing, (CAL) 3.

INDIAN BOYS RACE,—¼ mile,—White Eagle, Jr, 1.

100 YARDS DASH,—heats,—open,—Charles McIver, (E) 1. R. Summerhayes, (M) 2. John Davey, (CAL) 3.

The Mayor, Wm. Hingston Esq , presented the prizes to the Winners at the close of the meeting.

MILITARY SNOW SHOE RACES.

The volunteers of this city had a grand day's sport on Saturday afternoon, 13th March 1875. As most of our crack Runners are Volunteers there were few strange faces to the fore in these Races.

They took place at Decker Park and were under the patronage of the Staff and officers of the 5th Military District. A large number of spectators were present.

The track was half a mile long and over virgin snow.

TWO MILES,—Indian handicap.—prizes, $10, $5, $3. $1. Keroniare scratch, B. Daillebout, 30 yards. M. Daillebout, 100 yards. Young Lefebvre, White Eagle and Motour, from 150 to 200 yards.

Lefebvre won after a close race, from B. Daillebout, who could have won, but waiting for Lefebvre to pick himself up, after a fall, he "brushed" him "home", but stopping before reaching the winning post Lefebvre won, B. Daillebout 2. White Eagle 3. Keroniare 4.—time 14 m. 45 sec.

ONE MILE,—open to Volunteers,—7 competitors—Walker, Dunmore, R. Scott, and Howe of the "Victoria" Rifles, Logan and Shepherd of the "Hochelagas" and Milner of the Garrison Artillery,

Howe won by 60 yards,—(silver cup) R. Scott 2. (silver medal). Shepherd 3. ($3).

QUARTER MILE,—Regulation Shoes, open to members of "B" battery—there were 12 competitors. This race brought vividly to mind the days of 1860 when the Regular troops on their great broad shoes—too heavy and illshaped for the most scientific "shoer" to handle properly,—furnished amusement to crowds of spectators.

Costello 1. ($5.) McCulloch 2. ($3.) Dumaine 3. ($3.)

"POTATO" RACE,—This novel feature in snow shoeing was looked on with interest. A number of potatoes were placed at equal distances, about a yard apart, reaching 100 yards (in a straight line), from a basket. This basket was the starting point and the potatoes had to be lifted singly and deposited one after another in the basket, which remained stationary. There were 4 competitors.

White Eagle 1. ($3.) B. Daillebout 2. ($2.) Keroniare 3. ($1.) M. Daillebout 4.

QUARTER MILE, CADETS RACE,—in uniform,—Cole 1. (silver medal) Bissett 2 ($2.) Kempt, Gault, White, Leithhead 6 competitors.

TWO MILES,—open to Volunteers—3 competitors.—Lieut Charles Lamothe, "Hochelagas" 1. (gold medal) W. Collins, Serj. Major, Cavalry 2. ($3.) beaten 200 yards, R. Scott, "Victorias" 3,—time 14 m. 47 sec.—Collins protested that Lamothe was not a *bona fide* Volunteer, he having resigned his Commission sometime before. The protest was sustained and the medal went to Collins.

QUARTER MILE,—open,—J. Davey, R. Summerhayes and Thomas Foy entered—Davey and Summerhayes protested against Foy's competing, on the ground that he was a professional. He was allowed to run under protest, when

Davey withdrew, not wishing to jeopardize his standing as an Amateur. In this he was at fault, as his protest before the race preserved him from future question on the point, Summerhayes beat Foy 20 yards in 1 m. 24 sec. (gold medal).

ONE MILE,—open to all members of Clubs who were Volunteers. J. C. Bowden, first—silver cup—time 7 m. 45 sec. R. Scott (M) 2nd. lost his shoe and a fair chance for the "cup" ($3.)

HALF MILE,—open to Victoria Rifles only—R. Scott No. 3 Co. won medal presented by Lieu't Geo. Winks,—Geo. Walker, 2nd. and D. Scott, 3.

This Race closed the days sport and after the presentation of prizes the spectators were soon on their way to town.

EMERALD CLUB'S STEEPLE CHASE over the mountain took place on the evening of the 15th March 1875, under circumstances which would probably have dampened the ardor of less enthusiastic lovers of the "Shoe". It was a handicap and the distances were stepped off in a down pour of rain —8 competed, Charles Boyle, scratch. McKenna and Martin, 50 yards. John Boyle 150 yards. Hayes, Dwaine, Doran and Timothy, 350 yards. P. McKenna led to the "Pines", where his shoestrings gave way, C. Boyle passed and led to the last field where his foot went through his shoe, smashing it, McKenna by the accident regained the lead, winning the gold medal, presented by Mr. Wm. Wilson. Chas. Boyle

taking the second medal, presented by their Hotel-keeper Mr. Dwyer. J. Boyle (3rd) J. J. Hayes won the "green" prize.

After supper and presentation of the prizes, three cheers were given for the sport, it being the last "meet" of the club for the season, the members took the Road to town, looking forward to the next season for a renewal of their triumphs.

"STARRY FLAG" CLUB'S RACES.

The first Annual Races came off on Saturday afternoon March 20th 1875. The only note of them to be found was of the 100 yards dash in heats, which was won by P. J. McElroy, prize, silver tray.

"MOUNTAINEER" CLUB OF COTE DES NEIGES.

Had races also on the same day, but the same paucity of particulars occur, and only the winners of the 3 legged race, Messrs Gunn and Campbell were noticed.

"B" BATTERY RACES.

Came off on St. Helen's Island on Mondayafternoon March 22nd 1875 and were a great success. The day was fine and the track, which was a quarter mile, in splendid condition.

The Judges were Lt. Col. Bacon, Capt. Short and Lieu't. Devine.

QUARTER MILE,—open, to old soldiers,—4 competitors,

—Sergt. Lyndon, Trumpeter Leslie, Gunners Dumaine and Martell. Leslie, 1. Lyndon, 2. Martell, 3.

QUARTER MILE,—open,—in heats,—Gunner Geo. Heywood, 1. Gunner Genest, 2. Leslie, 3. Vinson, 4.

SECOND HEAT,—Heywood, 1. Vinson 2. Genest, 3. Gunners Stapleton and Gilchrist competed.

"POTATO" RACE,—Stapleton, 1. Heywood, 2. Martell, 3. N. Lyman, Vinson, Genest, Murphy, Dumaine, Gilchrist.

300 YARDS HURDLE RACE,—heats,—6 hurdles 2½ ft. high —Lyndon, 1. Stapleton, 2. Gilchrist, 3.

The prizes were presented on the ground by the Judges and as each went forward to receive his prize he was greeted with a round of hearty Canadian cheers.

THE LATE DAVID RODGER ESQ., M.A.

On Thursday morning April 8th 1875, shortly after two o'clock Mr. Rodger quietly breathed his last. Softening of the brain was the immediate cause of his death, but he had been suffering from disease of the lungs and the severity of the past winter severely taxed even *his* powers of endurance.

Mr. Rodger was born in Edinburgh in 1819, was educated at Heriots Hospital and subsequently at the University, he attached himself as private tutor to a party of young gentlemen and accompanied them to Australia where he spent five or six years. Leaving Australia he returned to Edinburgh and joined the staff of the "Scotsman" Not finding Journalism congenial to his taste, he engaged himself as Mathematical Assistant in the High School, Edinburgh. Soon after he obtained a situation in the High School in this city and in 1847 commenced his duties. He has held the situation for 28 years with credit to himself and great benefit to his scholars.

He was an enthusiastic admirer of out door sports, was an excellent curler and as President of the "Crescent" Lacrosse and "Alexandra" Snow Shoe Clubs did a vast deal of service in promoting the advance of these healthy out door pastimes.

Scrupulous integrity, love of truth, fair play, hatred of all show and hollow pretence, were among the characteristics that marked his career and when his useful life was brought to a close on that early spring morning, Montreal lost one whom many of her best citizens had to thank for the success which had attended them through a prosperous career.

LONG TRAMP ON SNOW SHOES.

The following we clipped from the "Gazette" (Montreal) of May 23nd 1875—which shews the necessity of early training in the use of the Snow Shoe—"Winnipeg, May 22.—E. W. Jarvis and party of the Canada Pacific Survey arrived last night. They left British Columbia last December, experienced great difficulty in crossing the Rocky Mountains, owing to the great depth of Snow and severe weather. The Smoky River Pass, one hundred miles north of Jasper House pass, was found impracticable for a Railway nor was any other found preferable to the one already surveyed by Jasper—They travelled upwards of 900 miles on Snow Shoes, ran out of provisions shortly after leaving the Mountains, but obtained sufficient game to carry them through to Edmonton. Left there April 7th, etc. etc., * * * This is perhaps the longest tramp on record.

SEASON 1875 and 1876.

As the years roll on, the glorious sport we enjoy seems to grow more than ever in favor among

the youth of our city, and not only did our club receive large additions to its membership this season, but many other clubs were organized and flourished. Every evening old Mount Royal's silvery height resounded with the hearty song and cheer of a club wending its way to its Club House in Cote des Neiges. Not mere corporals' guards were *en route*, but long lines of enthusiastic devotees of the sport were to be found sporting the different uniforms of their respective clubs; and greatest among them all—as became the Alma mater club,—was the "blue tuqued" line of the "Montreal" as night after night, with musters of from 50 to 125, they tramped over the well-known track to the Club House.

During the first part of the season, snow was scarce, and from the middle of December till the middle of January, there was no snow shoeing at all. During this interval the club tramped (without shoes) by way of the road to the Club House.

TRAMPS.

First tramp by way of the Road took place on Wednesday evening 17th November, 1875, 31 members out.

There were twelve tramps in this manner, with an average attendance of 46, and largest muster 88.

The first tramp over the mountain, took place on Wednesday evening 1st December, 1875. 25 present.

The last tramp over the same track on Wednesday evening, 22nd March, 1876. 50 present.

There were eleven tramps over the mountain track, average attendance 54, largest muster 125.

As it sometimes happened, members tramped both by the Road (without shoes), and over the mountain (with shoes) to meet at the Club House; we have thought it well to average the musters both ways; by combining them, it gives the average attendance at the Club House at 71, with two musters of 150, and one of 100 members.

There were three Mountain tramps postponed on account of rain.

The following places were visited on the Saturday afternoon tramps.

Lachine,	twice,	average	35,	largest muster	61,	driving	16.
Blue Bonnets,	"	"	24,	"	25,	"	5.
St. Laurent,	"	"	44,	"	48,	"	13.
Longue Pointe,	once,		60,	"	60,	"	14.
St. Vincent de Paul,	once,		12,	"	12,	"	4.

There were five tramps postponed on account of rain.

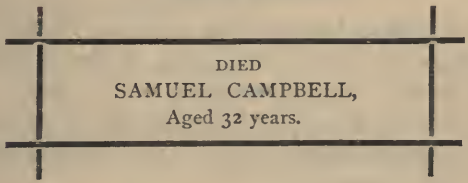
NEW MEMBERS.

The Club Roll numbered 315 ordinary members, and 23 Life members.

149 names were added to the Roll during the season.

Among the names added to the Roll we find the following: R. M. Mowat, Charles Lamothe, J. C. Bowden, and A. W. Stevenson.

OBITUARY.



On the 30th November, 1875, the Club lost in Samuel Campbell one of its most valued members. His strong, manly voice, which so often delighted the members at the Club House Concerts, and around the festive board is hushed forever, and we remember him as an obliging and kind-hearted comrade.

His funeral took place on the 2nd December, 1875, when a large number of the members were present.

NEW CLUBS.

Among the new Clubs organized this Season, were the "Montreal Garrison Artillery," "Independent," "St. Andrews," formed from members of

No. 5 Co. V.V.R. "Free and Easy," "Prince of Wales Rifles," and "Hanover Street."

FINANCES.

The Treasurer's Statement shewed the handsome balance of $102 to the credit of the Club.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting took place on Wednesday evening, November 10th, 1875, in the Montreal Gymnasium, when 75 members were present. C. P. Davidson, Esq., the President occupied the chair.

The Secretary and Treasurer read their Reports, which were received.

The following gentlemen were elected Office-bearers for the season.

C. Peers Davidson.—*President.*
Angus Grant.—*1st Vice-President.*
H. W. Becket.—*2nd Vice-President.*
W. H. Whyte.—*Secretary.*
Fred. C. A. McIndoe.—*Treasurer.*

Committee.

R. Crosbie, G. S. Pelton, Thos. E. Hodgson,
W. G. Beers, D. E. Bowie, Jas. Sutherland,
J. R. McKedie.

65 names were proposed for membership.

Sundry alterations were made in the Bye-Laws, but as they are annexed we avoid any particular notice of them here.

MOUNTAIN STEEPLE CHASE

Of the Montreal Club took place on Wednesday evening, January 26th, 1876, after several postponements on account of unfavourable weather. The start was made from Union Avenue, thus adding about 300 yards to the usual distance, the finish being at Prendergast's gate.

Twenty-five competitors faced the starter. The track was rough and stony, the scarcity of snow exposing the hard uneven surface of the Mountain Boulevard, (then under construction.)

C. Lamothe first, prize, gold medal, time, 24m.20s.

George R. Starke, second, silver medal, time 24m. 30s.

The following arrived within 3 minutes of the winner, and had prizes to the extent of $25, divided among them, Messrs. F. C. A. McIndoe, George Roy, W. L. Allen, R. M. Mowat.

Judges, Messrs. W. H. Whyte and H. W. Becket.

There were about 150 members present, 90 o whom sat down to supper, before which the prizes, with the exception of the first medal,—were presented to the winners by the President.

"TERRA NOVA" CLUB'S MOUNTAIN STEEPLE CHASE.

The "fat men's" race of this Club, took place on

Friday evening, February 25th, 1876. The course, which was very slippery, was from the "pines" to Dwyer's Hotel, nearly opposite the Roman Catholic Cemetery gates. M. W. Hutchings, President of the Club, was the winner, no time given.

"MONTREAL" CLUB'S ANNUAL RACES

Took place on the Lacrosse Grounds on Saturday afternoon, February 12th, 1876. The day was mild and the track almost hard enough for foot racing. There was a large gathering of the lovers of the sport; competition was keen and all declared it the best day's sport for a number of years.

His Worship Mayor Hingston, Messrs. A. W. Ogilvie, M. P. P. W. L. Maltby and Col. E. A. Whitehead, were the Judges present. Colonels A. A. Stevenson, Frank Bond, and Thos. White, Jr. Esq., being absent.

Messrs. D. E. Bowie, H. W. Becket, and John Robinson, Handicappers, Angus Grant, starter, and Geo. Robinson, time-keeper.

There were five open events, all of which were won by the "Montreal."

TWO MILES, INDIAN HANDICAP.

The original entries were, Keroniare, scratch, B. Daillebout, 40 yards, White Eagle, 175. As most of the Indians wished to run from scratch, the Committee allowed them to

do so and the race was run as follows. Keroniare, Daillebout, White Eagle, Young Lefebvre, scratch, "Thomas" and Joe Sawatsi, 10 yards, M. Daillebout, 50 yards. Keroniare caught the leaders at the three quarters pole--and the race finished with Keroniare first, ($12). B. Daillebout, 2. ($8). White Eagle, 3. ($4). M. Daillebout, 4. ($2). Time, 12m. 54½s.

100 YARDS DASH, IN HEATS,

Prize, gold medal.—Robt. Summerhayes, (M) won in two straight heats. Time 13¾sec. and 12½sec. defeating Sam. Massey, Charles McIver, McIntyre and G. S. Hubbell.

TWO MILES, CLUB CUP,

George Starke won, defeating George Roy, Wm. Cairns and W. L. Allen. Time 13 m. 54 s.

BOYS QUARTER MILE, (UNDER 4 FT. 9 IN.)

Prize, silver medal.—White Eagle, Jr., won in 1 m. 29½ sec. defeating another Indian boy, Isaacson and McGibbon.

HALF MILE, HANDICAP,

G. S. Hubbell scratch, R. Mowat, R. Summerhayes, 15 yds. W. Hubbell, 20 yds. Stanway, 30 yds. McGibbon and Millar, 40 yds. R. Summerhayes and W. Hubbell did not start, Mowat won in 2 m. 52 s. (gold medal), Stanway, 2nd.

HALF MILE (CLUB), PRESIDENT'S PRIZE,

R. Mowat, won in 3m. 11½ s. W. Hubbell second, defeating Messrs. Auld, R. Stewart and Stanway.

100 YARDS, HURDLES IN HEATS,

Gold medal.—Messrs. R. Summerhayes, and H. W. Becket competed, Becket won first heat, and led the second heat till within 3 yards of the post, when he tripped and fell,

Summerhayes winning. Becket was out of training and in the third heat ran blind, Summerhayes winning by two yards.

ONE MILE. (HANDICAP) MEDAL

C. J. Coursol, 125 yds. Miller, 60 yds. Martin and Wm. Hubbell, 45 yds. Geo. Starke, 10 yds. and Geo. Roy scratch. The last two did not accept. Charles Lamothe came to the post but was objected to, as he had not entered at the proper time. He was allowed to make a post entry as he said he had gone to the usual entry office and found that the list of entries had not been opened. The handicappers placed him 100 yards in the rear of scratch; one of the Committee, in defiance of the Handicappers' opinion, moved him 25, yds. nearer to scratch and he started from there; this gratuitous insult to the Handicappers' judgment was rewarded, when Lamothe caught his men *200 yards* from home and won easily.

QUARTER MILE (OPEN)

Gold Medal—George Corcoran won it 1 17—Sam. Massey (who fell) 2. Hodgson, W. Cairns, G. S. Hubbell.

POLICEMEN'S RACE

for prizes $4, $3, $2. Three Competitors, names unknown to fame.

ANNUAL DINNER

Took place on the evening of the Race-day in the Ottawa Hotel, 43 members sitting down to the elegant "temperance" repast served by mine host of the "Ottawa." Among the guests present were His Worship the Mayor, Dr. Rodgers, "Caledonian"

club, George Parys Esq., an old veteran and a shining light of the club in byegone days.

The usual toasts loyal and patriotic were proposed and drunk, songs sung, and prizes were presented to the successful competitors at the Races.

The club presented an elegant Epergne to Mr. Robt. Crosbie, in recognition of his long services as the organist of the Club, to which "Bob" feelingly responded.

The meeting broke up earlier than usual and was rather "tame" compared with those of former years.

TERRA NOVA CLUB

Had a green Mountain steeple chase, from McGill College gates to Dwyer's, about February 17th, 1876, when Mr. Gavin Huston came in first.

VICTORIA SKATING RINK.

The Annual games took place in the Rink on Tuesday evening February 29th when the Snow Shoe Race was won by Thomas E. Hodgson (M) A. Seybold, 2.

EMERALD SNOW SHOE CLUB RACES,

Took place on the Lacrosse Grounds, on Saturday afternoon, February 26th. The weather was cold, but agreeable to all.

There were five "open" Amateur events, four of which were won by the "Montreal" and one by the Emerald Club.

TWO MILES, INDIAN RACE.—J. Lefebvre *($10)*, won in 12 m. 22 s. beating Keroniare, *($6)*, who was second, B. Daillebout, 3. *($4)*, White Eagle, 4.

QUARTER MILE, OPEN,—"McShane cup."—R. Summerhayes, 1. Time 1.15 s. Geo. Corcoran, 2. Sam. Massey, 3.

TWO MILES, CLUB CUP.—James McKenna, 1. W. P. Mullin, 2. J. Boyle, W. Newman.

QUARTER MILE, boys under 4 ft. 9 in.—Prize gold pin.—T. McNulty first. 6 started.

TWO MILES, HANDICAP, *(open)*.—Chas. Lamothe, scratch. The other men and their limits not being published we cannot give them. At the mile and a half the race was confined to Lamothe and T. J. Martin,—4 having stopped. Martin won by 200 yards, in 14 m. 25 sec. Lamothe's shoes came off once or twice during the race.

QUARTER MILE, INDIAN BOYS RACE.—prizes $3, $2, $1. T. Lefebvre, 1. J. Daillebout, 2. J. Morris, 3.

HALF MILE CLUB,—"Wm. Workman" gold medal.—A. H. Woods, 1. W. P. Mullin, 2.

100 YARDS, HEATS,—"Stroud" gold medal.—R. Summerhayes won two straight heats. C. McIver, 2.

QUARTER MILE, CLUB,—"Wm. Wilson" gold medal.—P. J. McElroy, 1. A. H. Woods, 2. P. O. Martin, 3.

HALF MILE, OPEN—"J. F. O'Brien" gold medal.—Thos. E. Hodgson, (M.) Time 2m.40s. Geo. S. Hubbell, 2.

CONSOLATION HANDICAP, ONE MILE,—J. W. McGauvran gold medal.—C. Lamothe, 1. Time 6¼ m. J. Johnston, 2.

The Mayor presented the prizes at the close of races.

HANDICAP RACE AT QUEBEC,

The race for the "Harder" gold medal, took place on the 18th March, 1876. The distance was two miles, and the contest took place upon the Esplanade. D. White of the Levis Club, (350 yds.) won, time 13 m. 45 s., defeating H. P. Challoner, (s.) T. A. Anderson, 200 yds. W. R. Brodie, 300 yds.

CALEDONIA CLUB'S ANNUAL RACES

Took place on the Lacrosse Grounds, on Saturday afternoon, March 25th. The weather was disagreeable, but was forgotten in the excitement attendant upon the close competitions which took place.

There were four "open" amateur events, two of which were won by the "Montreal" and one by "Caledonia."

ONE MILE CLUB RACE,—gold medal.—J. Williams, won in 7 m. 53 s. defeating J. O'Brien, J. Pill and A. Turnbull.

BOYS RACE—QUARTER MILE,—snow shoes.—J. Beattie, 1, Time 1 m. 57 s. W. McKee, 2. 3 started.

HALF MILE—OPEN—handicap,—medal,—G. R. Starke scratch. R. Mowat, 50 yards Mowat was never approached and won in 3.08¾ s.

QUARTER MILE—OPEN,—medal.—R. Summerhayes, 1. Montgomery, (C.) 2. Geo. F. Corcoran, 3.

ONE MILE HANDICAP—open,—gold medal.—Lamothe and Martin were entered, but did not accept, and Geo. Starke was placed on scratch. Chas. Coursol, 40 yds. Lang 50 yds. Lang (C.) won, Starke, 2.

100 YARDS, IN HEATS—medal.—Montgomery won first heat, John Davey second, McIver won third and fourth heats.

100 YARDS, CLUB RACE, heats—medal.—O'Brien, 1. winning 2nd and 3rd heats. Ward winning first.

HALF MILE CLUB,—medal.—J. Williams, 1. Ward and Macwood.

100 YARDS CLUB,—won by J. Montgomery.

The Prizes were afterwards presented by Col. Stevenson, and Messrs. Rodgers and Dolan.

PRESENTATION TO N. H. HUGHES ESQ.

On Saturday afternoon March 25th, the club to the number of nine tramped to Lachine led by our old chum Grant and his dog Monday.

On reaching Lachine, the Trampers found a number "who there had drived" among others our worthy President.

On supper being announced twenty-five members sat down to do justice to the bountiful repast. The President occupied the chair, on his right the guest of the evening "old Nick Hughes," as the boys love to call him. Dinner having been disposed of and the Queen's health drunk with all the honours, the President in a few well chosen remarks, presented Mr. Hughes with a handsome cup as a tribute of respect and esteem from the club.

In returning thanks, Mr. Hughes spoke of his long connection with the club (36 years), and the many

pleasant hours spent with its members. He instanced the value of snow shoeing by stating that "during the last heavy snow storm, he had important business at Pointe Claire, but found there was nothing moving, the railway was hopelessly blocked up and the roads impassible; then the value of snow shoes became apparent, donning these companions of many a tramp, he started from Lachine across the ice, through a tearing gale and reached his destination in an hour and five minutes." He went on to detail other little experiences, but time and space will not admit of their reproduction.

After drinking the health of Mrs. Hanna and other volunteer toasts, the room was cleared for the evening's amusement, which was kept up till the near approach of midnight warned the President that the bounds had been overstepped.

After "God save the Queen" had been sung, sleighs were in order, and some few who had tramped, thought it well to rest quietly in Lachine, till daylight appeared, before trusting their precious persons on snow shoes for the return tramp.

So ended one of the jolliest meets ever held by the club.

IROQUOIS CLUB RACES.

The Caughnawauga Indians held races on the

Lacrosse Grounds, on Saturday afternoon, April 1st, 1876. The weather was very mild, the track heavy and time slow. There was a large attendance of spectators. The first race, (half mile) was run by the "old time" champions, notably among whom were "old Thomas" known as the "skeleton," Francois De Lorimier, Louis Lefebvre and Francis Albert. Old Thomas and Albert made the running, and in the run "home," Thomas brushed his leader; Albert not relishing such symptoms of a a renewal of youth in his aged rival, put out his hand to check the rush of the feeble spirit of a bye gone age, which had the desired result, and Albert had the satisfaction of racing in first, although the prize went to his "antique" rival. Time 4 m. 47 s.

FIVE MILES RACE which followed, was a trial of speed as well as of endurance. Keroniare undertook to race a fresh runner every mile during the first 3 miles, and on the last two, Baptiste Daillebout was to take up the gauntlet. Keroniare was destined to take second place, his efforts in disposing of his first three rivals, and the loss of his shoe several times served to handicap him to such an extent, that he withdrew from the race at 4½ miles, and Daillebout finished alone.

An all-fours race of 40 yards, created a deal of

amusement. An Indian unknown to the racing world won this novel race.

Boys race of half a mile, open to all boys' was won by White Eagle, Jr., beating McNeice 100 yards.

A two mile race, open to white men, was to have closed the races, but there being no entries the affair did not come off.

INCIDENTS.

On the tramp of Wednesday evening, 9th of Feb, 1876, the club was joined by the Hanover Street Club, an Association composed of juveniles living in the vicinity of the Street giving its name to the Club. It being their first tramp over the mountain, they were taken care of by the "old club" and safely landed at the Club House, where they were treated to supper and then safely escorted into town by their hosts. Their names were, W. Cleghorn, 12, W. McIntyre, 13, W. Murray, 14, S. Glen, 13, D. McIntyre, 8, J. McDougall, 11, James Ross, 14, W. Haldimand, 14, W. Glen, 16, R. Cooper, 15, W. Ross, 12, G. Glen, 9.

TRAMP TO LONGUE POINTE.

On February 5th, between 50 and 60 of the Club, headed by the President, tramped across the country to Longue Pointe. The tramp was an exceed-

ingly rough one, the underbrush in the woods back of Hochelaga, and the innumerable fences, being a source of terror to the younger members, and broken snow shoes were in order. Having surmounted all these dangers, Tompkins Hotel was reached in due course where a substantial dinner was discussed and enjoyed, in company with the Longueuil Club which had arrived to fraternize with us. After supper a jolly time was spent in song and dance and when time was called the men never were so reluctant to "follow the chief." The club reached Montreal about 10.30.

SEASON 1876 and 1877.

The record of this Season is unsurpassed in interest in the Annals of the Club, and in looking over the Roll of membership and Treasurer's Report we find the list of members larger than ever, and the finances in a satisfactory condition.

TRAMPS.

The winter of 1876 was an unusual one, as regards the lateness of snow, there not being sufficient for shoeing until the 20th December; but when fairly set in, it was a most agreeable season, with plenty of snow and the majority of the days on which our tramps fell, were cold and clear.

The first tramp of the Season (without shoes)

took place on Wednesday evening, the 15th Nov., 1876, by the road to Prendergast's Hotel. Twenty-three members turned out, led by the President. There were 4 tramps in this manner, average attendance 32, largest muster 45.

On Wednesday evening, 13th December, Mr. Angus Grant and his dog "Monday" broke the "trail" across Mount Royal; the less adventurous members, to the number of 27, tramped to the Club House by way of the road.

The first tramp on shoes, took place on Wednesday evening, December 20th, over the Mountain. The members turned out 65 strong, led by the Secretary, W. C. Trotter.

The last tramp of the season took place on 24th March 1877, when six or eight members tramped to the Back River.

The Club crossed the mountain 10 times, on the evening tramps, average attendance 71, largest muster 146, viz., 10th January 1877.

Lachine was visited 3 times, average attendance 28, largest muster 30. The members driving, averaged 15.

Sault aux Recollet, 3 times, average 25, largest muster 42, average driving 9.

St. Vincent de Paul, once, 31 tramped, 21 drove.

St. Laurent once, 20 tramped, 7 drove.

TRAMP TO CORNWALL.

At 2.30 on Saturday afternoon, 30th December, 1876, three members of the club, Messrs. Wallace C. Trotter, D. C. Alguire and J. H. Smith, started from Montreal on a tramp to Cornwall, Ont. Some 25 members had signified their intention of joining in the tramp, but the 22 inches of snow which fell during Friday night, probably induced them to remain quietly at the "Rendezvous" and wish the hardy trio "God speed," as they started upon the longest tramp ever undertaken by any city club.

They tramped to St. Annes the first afternoon, where "tired Nature's sweet restorer" nerved them to greater deeds upon the morrow. The next evening (Sunday) saw them arriving at Lancaster, about eight o'clock, after facing a fearful storm, which blew in their faces nearly all day. On Monday morning, they struck Lake St. Francis; snow shoeing here became a pleasure, the glorious scenery, lending additional charms to the already glorious tramp. They reached Cornwall at noon, having accomplished the 78 miles which separates it from our city in 46 hours, from time of leaving, and 21 hours' actual tramping. At Cornwall a very enthusiastic greeting was tendered, and dinner with the accompaniments, indulged in.

CONCERT AT CORNWALL, ONT.

During the early part of the season we received and accepted an invitation from the Mayor of Cornwall, to give a Concert in that place in aid of its poor. We had a few preliminary practices, and on the 2nd January, about 55 of our members, in full snow shoe uniform, took the train and arrived at noon in Cornwall, where they were met by the Mayor and a number of ladies and gentlemen of the town, joined by the three members who had tramped thither. After taking a short cut "across country" to the Town Hall, where billets were provided, the boys remained with their respective entertainments until evening.

The Concert took place in the Town Hall, and was a great success in every way; the proceeds amounting to $188.44.

The following gentlemen took an active part in the performance; Messrs. D. Mills, Fred. Hawksley, Reichling, Cameron and Wilson.

After the Concert the Hall was cleared for dancing and the "wee sma hours" saw the "Tramps" indulging in the "giddy mazes" of the dance, with some of the sweetest damsels of the Capital of the old Eastern District.

TRAMP TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

This village rendered famous in our club annals by a song, was visited, by thirty-one members who mustered to face the distance. The lead was taken by W. C. Trotter; Angus Grant and "Monday" bringing up the rear.

The Ottawa Hotel at St. Vincent de Paul was reached by the vanguard in 2 hours and 20 minutes the less excitable portion of the "tramps" arriving about fifty minutes later. The necessity of a "whipper in" was rendered apparent by the sight of a figure prostrate upon the ice of the Back River, and which turned out to be one of our own men (Aiken) who had unsuccessfully attempted to keep up the "pace" of the leaders. After some little attention, he revived sufficiently to tramp to the Hotel where a good meal set him upon his legs again.

After the usual supper, songs, etc., the route home was taken up.

CONCERT AT LACHINE, Q.

A Concert by some of the members of the club under the auspices of the St. Stephen's Church, Lachine, took place in the Town Hall, on Tuesday evening, 13th February 1877, and was well attended.

The following Gentlemen took part in solos, etc,

Messrs. W. and H. Young, Fred. Hawksley, John Moore and Edward Bulmer.

CONCERT IN AID OF MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL.

It is to be regretted that a Concert which we promised to give in aid of the Montreal General Hospital, was unavoidably postponed until a future season.

ROLL OF MEMBERS.

The Club Roll shewed a total of 316 names exclusive of Life members.

DONORS OF PRIZES.

The following gentlemen donated prizes : Lieut. Col. W. H. Hutton,a silver cup, Dr. Geo. W. Beers, gold medal, C. Peers Davidson, Q. C. bronze vase, Messrs. McGibbon and Baird, gold medal, James Renwick, medal.

CLUB ROOMS.

At the close of the season we entered into an agreement with the Montreal Lacrosse Club, to rent and furnish the comfortable Rooms we now occupy, and which have proved a great boon to

the members of both Clubs, and tended to cement them in the firmest bonds of friendship.

CLUB PICTURE.

A fine combination group of the Club was taken by Mr. Notman during the winter, and will prove of great historical value to the Club, and serve to revive vivid reminiscences of snow shoeing to each of us in future years. About two hundred and thirty figures are taken, and the grouping is very effective; most prominent among them being the figure of His Excellency the Earl of Dufferin, our much respected Governor General.

FINANCES.

The Treasurer's Report shewed a balance on hand of $174.63.

NEW CLUBS.

Among the Clubs organized this season, we might mention the Excelsior Club of Cornwall; although not a *city* Club, still it was the growth of seed sowed at the visit of "ours" to that charming town on the occasion of Concert; St. Albans Club, likewise a branch from the "tuque bleue."

"Royal" Club, composed of members of the "E" Company 5th Royal Fusiliers, and the Celtic Club.

OBITUARY.

DIED

C. H. SOLOMON,

Aged 23 years.

One of our members, Mr. C. H. Solomon, passed from among us this season. His funeral was attended by the club in a body.

"MONTREAL" CLUB STEEPLE CHASE

Over the mountain track, took place on Wednesday evening, January 10th, 1877. The start was made from the College gates, and the finish at the gate opposite Prendergast's.

The night was very dark, the track heavy, and everything being considered, very much against the scoring of fast time.

Nine competitors faced the starter.

Geo. R. Starke first, gold medal, time 28½ min.

Fred. McIndoe, second, silver medal, time 29¾ m

Thomas Paton and W. Mowatt, third and fourth, had the sum of fifteen dollars divided between them, as a reward for getting "home" within three minutes of Starke.

The prizes were presented at the Club House, by the President.

"ST. GEORGE" CLUB STEEPLE CHASE

Over the mountain track, took place on Saturday afternoon, January 27th, 1877. The start as usual was from the College Gates. The day was fine and warm, but almost too soft for snow shoeing.

Fifteen members took their places in line, to contest the first steeple chase of the club.

John C. Bowden, first, gold medal, time 22¼ m.
K. Matthews, second, silver cup, " 23 min.
--Rose, third, opera glass, " 23¼ m.
D. Scott, fourth, gold sleeve links, " 24 m. 25s.
—Abbott, fifth, case of Razors, " 24½ m.
T. Davidson, sixth, Hunting knife, " 25 m.

The prizes were presented at the Club House, where the winners and their friends indulged in a hot supper.

"EMERALD" CLUB'S STEEPLE CHASE

Over the mountain track, took place on 29th Jan., 1877. The start took place from the McGill College Gates. There were nine competitors. The race from start to finish was remarkably close, and the time of the winner, the fastest of the season.

T. J. Martin, first, gold medal, time 21 m. 35sec.
Wm. Kay, second, silver medal, " 21 m. 37sec.
Jos. Boyle, third, silver goblet, " 21 m. 40sec.

Supper was provided at Prendergast's, when the prizes were presented by Mr. Charles Boyle, the President of the Club.

ST. ALBANS, (VERMONT) SNOW SHOE CLUB.

"At a meeting of the St. Albans Snow Shoe Club, at the Welden House, 31st January 1877, the following officers were elected:—*President*, Saml. MacDonald, *Vice-President*, W. B. Fonda, *Secretary*, F. W. Hyde, *Treasurer*, F. W. Livingstone."

"About twenty members were present,and adopted Bye-Laws similar to those of the Montreal Club."

The regular club meeting will be held every Wednesday evening.

The club uniform will be blue "tuque," with scarlet tassel, white blanket coat, white knickerbockers, trimmed with scarlet, and blue stockings."

—*St. Albans Advertiser.*

The President of the above club will be no doubt recognized by his associates, as the "essence of ole Virginny" artist, at the old time "meets" of the "tuque bleue."

ANNUAL RACES OF THE "MONTREAL" CLUB,

Took place upon Saturday afternoon, 10th February 1877, on the Montreal Lacrosse Grounds. The weather was delightful and as a consequence the attendance of spectators was large.

The Honorary Stewards were His Honor the Mayor, W. H. Hingston, M.D. Hon. Peter Mitchell, Colonels A. A. Stevenson and W. H. Hutton, Messrs. A. W. Ogilvie, Thos. White, Jr., and Alex. McGibbon.

The Judges (so styled first time on record) were Lieut. Col. E. A. Whitehead, and Captains John Robinson and Sam. C. Stevenson.

The Handicappers, Messrs. D. E. Bowie, H. W. Becket and William Harper.

There were five open amateur events, "Montreal" won two, "Levis" (Que.) Club one, "Caledonia" two.

TWO MILES, INDIAN RACE, (Handicap),

Prizes $12, $8, $4, $2,--brought out six starters Each one feeling confident to *win* the event, the handicap was waived and all "toed" the same mark.

John Lefebvre won the first prize in 12¾ min. Karoniare, the heretofore champion, second, Baptiste Daillebout, third, Thomas (Jos. Foster) fourth.

1000 YARDS (IN HEATS) OPEN,

with distance, for cup presented by Col. W. H. Hutton. Three started.

W. Mowatt took and retained the lead, although closely pressed by Geo. Starke to the finish; time 3¼ m. Geo. S. Hubbell retired.

100 YARDS, (HEATS) OPEN,

Prize, gold medal,—presented by Dr. W. Geo. Beers. Three started.

J. M. Vaughan, (c) won two straight heats,—time 13 and 15 sec.—R. McGill Stewart second. C. C. McIver dropped a shoe at the start in each heat.

TWO MILES, CLUB CUP.

Five started,—first prize, silver cup, second prize, silver medal. Messrs. George Roy, E. H. Hanna, Fred. McIndoe, Fred. Brush and Thomas Paton.

The last two dropped out after the first mile, (7.07.) at sixth lap MacIndoe went to keep his friends in the Club house company, leaving George Roy to win the cup, Hanna second, time 14 m. 13 sec.

BOYS RACE, QUARTER MILE,

Boys under 4½ feet,—1st prize silver medal, second prize, snow shoes, 7 competed.

Thos. McNally first, Richard Kenwood, second.

HALF MILE, (GREEN) OPEN,

Prize, gold medal,—7 competed.

J. A. Piton, (Que) first. J. Percival, second, A. Stewart, (M.) T. Butler, J. Finlay, Blacklock and W. Campbell, (M.) time 3 m. 6 sec.

100 YARDS, CLUB (GREEN) HEATS,

President's prize, five competitors.

R. McGill Stewart won two straight heats, defeating W. G. Robertson, E. H. Hanna and A. A. Johnson.

ONE MILE, (HANDICAP) OPEN,

Prize, gold medal, —7 competed.—T. J. Martin, (E.) scratch, J. Lang, (10 yds.) William Kay, (20 yds.) Fred. McIndoe, (35 yds.) E. H. Hanna and Geo. Aird, (45 yds.) Joseph Boyle (50 yds.)

Joseph Lang (c) first, Jos. Boyle second, Martin third, Kay fourth,—time 6 m. 10 sec,

120 YARDS HURDLE RACE, (HEATS) OPEN,

First prize, gold medal,—4 started.

George Hubbell won first heat, R. McGill Stewart, second heat, and walked over for third heat.

Messrs. E. M. Ermatinger and J. Percival were the other competitors.

1000 YARDS, SECOND HEAT,

Mowatt led to the "home stretch," when Starke challenged him and they raced down the stretch neck and neck. The excited crowd closing in upon them left but little space for the runners, and the consequence was, they jostled one another, fell and both scrambling to their feet, gained the winning post so closely together that the Judges declared it a dead heat.

The Judges gave the winners notice, that the race would be completed (with concurrence of the runners) the following Saturday.

This finished a highly successful meeting.

The prizes with the exception of those won by club members, were distributed on the ground after the meeting.

ANNUAL DINNER

Took place in the Ottawa Hotel, when some 76 sat down to a capital dinner. His Worship the Mayor Dr. Hingston, Colonels A. A. Stevenson, and Hutton, Messrs. A. McGibbon, Thomas White, Jr., R. White, Patterson, (St. George), J. C. Jenkins, (Longueuil), Charles Boyle, (Emerald), and Sam.

McDonald, (St. Albans) were among the guests.

Messrs. Roy and Stewart, (2) were presented with the prizes won by them during the day.

A very pleasant evening was spent, the "wee sma hours" breaking in upon the company ere it separated.

TERRA NOVA CLUB'S STEEPLE CHASE, (HANDICAP,)

Over the mountain track, from the McGill College Gate to Lumsden's Hotel, Cote des Neiges, took place on the evening of the 14th February, 1877.

The first prize was a medal, presented by S. Kinnear, Esq.

C. Lemessurier, (2½ m.) first, E. W. Mudge, (scratch) second,

Elliott, (2½ m.) third, Winter, (2½ m.) fourth, W. Lemessurier, (1¾ m.) fifth, Houston, (2¼ m.) sixth, Kyle (2½ m.) seventh.

After supper the medal was presented to the winner, by the President.

GARRISON ARTILLERY CLUB'S STEEPLE CHASE

Over the usual mountain track, finishing at Lumpkin's Hotel, nearly opposite the Roman Catholic Cemetery Gate, was run on Friday evening, 16th February 1877. The start was made from the

College Gate. There were eight prizes. The track was in poor condition.

Gunner Milner, gold medal, time 17 min. 45sec.
Gunner Conquest, silver medal, " 17 " 46 "
Sergt. Wilson. silver medal, " 18 " 30 "
Bandsman R. Walker, silver medal, time 18 m. 50 s.
Gunner Burns, gold locket, " 18 m. 55 s.
Bandsman Mason, gold locket, " 19 m. 08 s.
Gunner Hibbins, sett studs, " 20 m. 49 s.
Sergt. Perry, gold pin, " 21 m. 15 s.

After supper Major Baynes presented the prizes to the winners

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EMERALD CLUB'S ANNUAL RACES

Took place on the Montreal Lacrosse Grounds, on Saturday afternoon, 17th February 1877. The day was fine and a large crowd was present.

There were four open events, "Montreal" winning 3 and C. McIver, (outsider) one.

TWO MILES, (club) "M. C. Mullarky" gold medal.—3 competed. W. Kay won, defeating J. Boyle, J. Newman.

100 YARDS, (heats) 3 in 5—open, "Ed. Murphy" medal.—Charles McIver won 3 straight heats, defeating R. McGill Stewart and Seymour.

HALF MILE, OPEN, "R. McCready" gold medal.—7 competed. Geo. E. Roy (M.) won, defeating Piton, (Quebec) A. H. Woods and E. H. Hanna.

TWO MILES, (OPEN), "T. P. Fogarty" gold medal.--3 competed.—Geo. R. Starke (M.) won, Lamothe was looked upon as a certain winner, but his shoe strings broke and he was thrown out.

HALF MILE (CLUB) green—"Wm. Wilson" gold medal—W. P. Mullin won, with James Shea second, J. D. O'Neill, J. Gibbin, Wm. McMahon. The winner was protested and the prize awarded to Shea.

BOYS RACE under 4½ feet,—medal presented by Thos. White, Jr.—F. Lawlor first, R. Boyle and F. Smith.

QUARTER MILE OPEN,—"W. J. O'Hara" medal.—Wm. Cairns, (M.) first, J. Davey second. 6 competitors.

ONE MILE, (club) silver cup presented by Wm. Stafford, Esq., to be won 2 years. T. J. Martin first, J. McKenna, Jas. Shea.

The prizes were presented on the Grounds.

ATHLETIC CLUB'S STEEPLE CHASE,

Took place on Friday evening, February 23rd 1877, from the McGill College Gate, across the mountain to Prendergasts. The track was in poor condition, nevertheless the time—as given—was fast.

James Wingham, first, time 21 min. 43 sec.
George Murray, second, " 21 min. 46 sec.
J. Crowley, third, " 22 min.
Walter Hughes, fourth, " 22 min. 10 sec.

The prizes were awarded to the winners by the President, Mr. R. J. Pennie.

OPEN STEEPLE CHASE

For the "Prendergast" medal, with second and third medals presented by the "Montreal" and "Emerald" Clubs respectively, took p'ace on Saturday afternoon, 24th February 1877. The start was made from McGill College Gate, with finish at the gate opposite Prendergasts. The starters were the champions of their different clubs, and as each had made remarkable time, it was expected that the "fast time record" would be lowered still further in the scale.

Messrs. Joseph Boyle, T. J. Martin and Wm. Kay represented the "Emerald" Club, John Bowden sported the purple and white of the "St. George, J. Wingham, the "Athletic," while Messrs. Geo. R. Starke, Fred. McIndoe, Charles Lamothe, Fred. Brush, and E. H. Hanna, displayed the azure "tuque" of the "Montreal."

All were in splendid form and at the word "go," McIndoe with characteristic impetuosity led off through the College grounds, at a rattling pace, his rush carried him in the van up to Ravenscrag, when the solid stepping of Starke won its reward and he went to the front, in which position he led through the "pines," closely followed by Martin, Boyle and Lamothe. Here Martin's shoe got damaged as did Boyle's, but both

persevered, although hardly sufficient to capture Starke, who galloped in some 50 yards ahead of Martin, (who endured a fall on the run in) with Boyle a close third, and Lamothe and Wm. Kay well up. Time 18 m. 50 sec.

The track was of that soft, soggy nature subsequent to a heavy thaw and the crowd that preceded the race, using the track without snow shoes, did not improve its racing qualities.

The medal given by Mr. Prendergast, was presented by that gentleman to Mr. Starke, while Mr C. P. Davidson presented the "Montreal" medal to Mr. Martin, and Mr. Woods that of the "Emerald" to Mr. Boyle.

After the distribution of the prizes, the Montreal Club tramped to St. Laurent.

MONTREAL CLUB HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE

Over the mountain, for the McGibbon & Baird medal, with second prize, medal presented by Mr. James Renwick, took place on Wednesday evening, February 28th, 1877.

E. H. Hanna, (2¾ m) first.	Time	21.45.
Geo. Roy, (2½ m) second.	"	22.00.
Fred. McIndoe, (2 m) third.	"	22.17.
Geo. R. Starke, (scratch) fourth.	"	22.19.

VICTORIA RINK GAMES

The Snow Shoe Race which formed the opening feature of the games, was won by George S. Hubbell, with George R. Starke second.

LEVIS (QUE.) CLUB RACES.

The Annual Races of this Club took place on the ice opposite Point Levi, on 10th March 1877.

The track was in excellent condition, and the different races well contested.

Mr. Geo. R. Starke of the "Montreal" was among the competitors, and upheld bravely the honour of the "tuque bleue."

The Levis Club was one of the first clubs outside of Montreal to follow our example in giving Concerts, which it very successfully accomplished on the evening of the 4th April 1877.

HALF MILE,—Garrison race, Government shoes,—Gunner Murray, 1. $4. Driver Haywood, 2. $3. Gunner Thompson, 3. $2. Bom. Jordan, 4. $1. 5 competitors.

QUARTER MILE,—open,—S. A. Piton 1. gold pin. Geo R. Starke, (M) 2. silver medal. 4 competitors.

QUARTER MILE, boys under 12.—C. V. Anderson, 1. pair of snow shoes. R. A. Ramsay, 2. album. Master Kavanagh, 3. Cribbage board. 4 competitors.

HALF MILE,—club,—C. Hall, 1. silver cup. Thos. A. Anderson, 2. gold locket. 5 competitors.

HALF MILE,—Boys under 16.—Alex. Masservy, 1. silver medal. John Anderson, 2. pair snow shoes. 5 started.

ONE MILE,—open.—G. R. Starke, (M) 1. prize presented by His Excellency the Lieut. Governor. J. R. H. Hall, 2. 6 competitors.

HALF MILE—club—green.—R. Shipman, 1. silver medal. E. A. O'Brien, 2. gold pencil. 3 competitors.

ONE MILE,—club cup.—C. Hall, 1. T. A. Anderson, 2. opera glass. 4 competitors.

QUARTER MILE,—club.—S. A. Piton, 1. prize presented by the Lieut. Governor. J. Sample, 2.

CONSOLATION RACE—Quarter mile.—D. White, 1. Iced cake. R. Morgan, 2. Bonnet Rouge.

Lt. Col. Strange presented the prizes after the races.

TRAMP TO THE "SAULT."

The following song was composed by Mr. John St. L. McGinn, to celebrate a tramp to Sault au Recollet.

Von blanket coat come to mine ouse
Und said he vas von snow shoe man,
He toldt me to put on mine blouse
Und come out for a little fun.
Den I put on doo tuques of plue,
Von pig long coat, shust like von monk,
Six pairs of sox und preeches dwo,
Und all de clothes in mine schmall trunk.

CHORUS.—Come, Brudders dear hold me up, quick,
I am played out, put I'm not trunk,
O took me home I'm very sick
Und but me of my leetle bunk.

Ven ve valk up to Sherbrooke Shtreet,
De poys vos ready for to go,
Pefore mine shoes vere on mine feet
Der rest vere started for the "Sault."
Mein Gott! dey run avay like med,
Und left me in a awful funk,
I'm not like dis, I'm very gled
If I vos on my leetle bunk.

CHO.—Come brudders dear, &c.

I vos der last man all put von,
He vos to make me went more quick,
Und every time I vould not run
He come down mit his gread big stick.
Bud Mr. Grant the vay forgot
Und bring us into von big shwamp,
O den I vas got cold und vet
I vished I vas on my leetle bunk.

CHO.—Come brudders dear, &c.

Dem bad boys drag me by de coat
To dot vile place dey call the "Sault,"
Dey pour some hot schnapps down my throat,
Und rub me in dat nashty snow.
Ven dot big inquest zat on me
Und found I vas not dead nor drunk,
Dey but me in a leetle sleigh
Und bring me to my leetle bunk.

CHO.—Come brudders dear, &c.

Ven I go owt to dramp again,
I'll keep around of mine own house,
I'll not go near dat great big man
Dot wears the tuque und planket plouse.
I never on that way will go,
Without von sleigh, likewisemy drunk,
I like the shoes, mitout the snow
But I prefer my leetle bunk.

The following ditty was composed by Mr. H. Young.

DOT SKY PLUE TUQUE,

AIR.—"*Good bye, Charlie.*"

Von nide upon St. Caderine Sdreet,
Yust dere by Cardner's sdore
I saw a growd all dalking lout,
Dere was fifdeen or more.
Dey said "gome, shoin our shoe shnow glub"
Just gome und dry your hant
Und hev a run, it's pully fun,
I dell you dot id's grant.

SPOKEN.—Vell, vot you dink of dot? dry my hant und hafe a run, I said, "no, dot is doo din, who efer seen a man run on his hants?" I told dem "dot id would dake me all my dime to run on my feed," I asked dem if dey dake me for a Jimnasium, den dey told me dot I dident understood dem, dot dey meant to dry vot I could do mit der shoe shnows, I told dem dot I vould be

CHORUS.—Always dripping and valling in der shnow,
Nine dimes in efery mile, headfirst in dot shnow pile,
Alvays dripping und valling on my shnoot,
Hurrah for der poys dot vear that sky plue tuque.

Afder a vile I shoined dot glub,
Und den pought me a suit
Und dose shoes I vent to choose,
Dot on your feed you put.
Vell, von nide I but on dose shoes
Und vend der glub to meed,
All der poys kigged up a noise
As I vent long der sthreet.

SPOKEN.—Yes all der beople gommenced to shout und say "shtag de galoot" und "shoot der nide cap," take off der planket" und all such dings like dose, und a big shnoozer gome along und I vent ub do him und shook

my vist und said, "vot you mean py consulting me?" und he said, "you're anoder" den I said "go dere yourself" und he said, "id vos no such diog," I said "he vos a lawyer"—den he told me "my Grandmother vas no sheatleman," I said, "he darsent dake id up," bud he did—den I got ub again, und said, "he vas afraid to do it again," he dried to, but didn't, so I grabbed him und threw him down—on dop of me, yust like a lot of bricks, I dell you id peat all—und so did he, den my leetle tog got behint und dook a beice oud of his leg, he kicked at der tog, bud de tog run avay und I run afder yust to vetch him pack you know, bud I gould'nt ketch him until I vas oud of sight, vell afder a vile I game pack und der man vas gone,—I vas so sorry I could hafe sat down und gried. Oh yes I gave him a derrible drashing, I peat him undil I vas plack und plue; vell den, I vent und med der glub und afder der Bresident abbointed a "vipper oud" avay ve vent, bud I had'nt gone far pefore I vound dot I vas

CHORUS.—Alvays dripping und valling, etc., etc.

How I got dot Mountain up,
I don'd know much aboud,
Bud dis I know, der vind did plow
Me nearly oudside oud,
Vell, ven I got to dot Hodel,
I dried my nose to feel,
Bud I subbose dot id god vroze,
Now dot is "Aus ges spiel."

SPOKEN.—Yaw, I dell you id vas no July, id vas bretty cold, dot nide, bud at der "Bines" ve caught id. Id vas plowing so hart dot id plew me down der hill, und I never sdopped undil I game do der Bresident. I could'nt pass him, id vas against der rules, vell afder dot I got along alright undil ve game to der last veild, und I did'nt know noding aboud id but some von said "Tally ho" und de virst ding I knew I did'nt know someding, dree fellows sat on me. Vell anyhow I got to "Plentycash's" und den dere vas a pully dime, ve had a Banquet und afder dot some singing, von vellow sung "der Harp dot dore my overalls," und anoder sang "Got pless der Marquis of Louise," den ve dusted der ceiling mit two or dree fellows, und danced a var dance und starded for home, und going home id vas just der same I vas,—

CHORUS.—Alvays dripping und valling, etc., etc.

SEASON 1877 and 1878.

As each Season rolls on we find the work of compiling made easy from the fact that more particular attention is paid to details by those in authority. We took advantage of the very full report of the Committee to utilize the greater portion of it in the introductory paragraphs of this season's work.

This was a peculiar season and for Snow Shoeing very unfavorable, many of the tramps had to be dispensed with, on account of rain or the soft weather which prevailed;- notwithstanding these drawbacks, the club turned out larger musters, stood stronger in membership, and higher in the estimation of the public than at any previous time of its existence.

MEMBERSHIP.

The Roll book shewed that there were 293 paying members, and 46 Life members, in all 339. There was the usual falling off among the old members but the number was fully replaced by 78 new names.

FINANCES.

The finances of the Club were in a satisfactory condition, the Treasurer's statement shewed a balance of $37.08 cash on hand; with liabilities to the extent of $115.56 and assets, represented by the Club Room furniture, at $150.

Last Season the first tramp on shoes took place on the 20th December, a date then thought to be very late, but this season it was not until after the New Year that anything like snow was to be seen, but when it came, it looked as if it meant to make up for lost time. The first storm began on the afternoon of January 4th, and continued throughout the night; this the club was not long in taking advantage of, and on the following day took its first Saturday afternoon tramp. Leaving the Club Rooms at three o'clock, some 21 members, good and true, led by your President, Mr. Angus Grant and his dog "Monday," started for Sault aux Recollect, arriving after about an hour and a half's hard, steady tramping. The shoeing was splendid, but a cold north-west wind made it rather unpleasant, and several got severely nipped by Jack Frost.

The following Saturday the club tramped to St. Laurent, "seven all up," through three or four inches of water in some places. Rubber boots would have been more in order than snow shoes, but as the weather promised little or no snow shoeing, advantage had to be taken of every day there was a semblance of tramping.

The first tramp on shoes took place on the 5th

of January, 1878, when, as above stated the club tramped to Sault au Recollet.

First mountain tramp on 9th January, 1878.

The last tramp took place on the 27th of Feby., when 4 went over the mountain.

The Wednesday evening tramps, by way of the road over the mountain, numbered 13, with an average attendance of 55, and the greatest muster 200, the largest on record: this was the occasion of the Annual Steeple Chase which took place on the 16th January.

Deducting from the above, 6 tramps by way of the road, before snow fell, with an average muster of 22, largest muster 43; we find 7 tramps over the mountain with an average muster of about 83.

Lachine was visited once, with a muster of 50, of these 28 tramped.

Sault au Recollet was visited twice, with an average attendance of 20, largest muster 30. The members driving averaged 7.

St. Laurent was visited once, 7 tramped, and 7 drove out.

On the 26th of January, at the invitation of the "St. George" Snow Shoe Club on the occasion of their Annual Steeple Chase, the club went over the mountain to Prendergast's; this made in all 5 afternoon tramps, the average attendance at which

was 34 and the largest muster 50. Average of driving members 9.

The club was greatly encouraged by the re-appearance of some of the old veterans, such as Messrs. Hughes, Stanley, Murray and Maltby, who participated in the tramps across the country,and enlivened the members with many an incident of the earlier days of the Club. It is to be hoped that many more will follow their example during the coming season. We would here inform any of the veterans who may feel like joining in the tramps occasionally that a few members (a select few) who imagine the pace too fast for them, have organized what is called the "slow crowd." This detachment starts from the Club Rooms somewhere about 7 o'clock, and arrives in time to join the club on its return home. They also form an advance guard on Saturday afternoon tramps, and are generally found on the road by the club and handed over to the tender care of the "whipper in," whose special duty it is to look after young members, and those whose limbs "are stiffened by old time."

The Club starts on its afternoon tramps from the Club Rooms, instead of the head of Union Avenue as formerly, which is found to work satisfactorily, but, on Wednesday evenings, still adheres to the old *rendezvous*.

CONCERT IN AID OF THE MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL.

On the 25th January, a Concert was given in the Academy of Music, on behalf of the funds of the Montreal General Hospital, in which upwards of 100 members took part, and was a grand success in every particular. Practices had been held in the Club Rooms and Gymnasium, for weeks before, under the directorship of Mr R. R. Stevenson. The Concert was as near as possible an illustration of the weekly tramps. Special scenes were painted of the corner of Union Avenue and Sherbrooke Streets, the "Pines" and "Club Room at Prendergrast's," where the Concert proper was supposed to take place. The house was crowded and the club was enabled to hand over to the Trustees of the General Hospital, the handsome sum of $300.00, in return for which the President, Mr. Angus Grant was elected a Life Governor of the Institution, an honor, of which the club is justly proud. For some time afterwards letters appeared in the daily papers suggesting that the Concert should be repeated, but the Committee upon taking the matter into consideration, thought it unadvisable to do so. A full report of the concert will be found further on.

CONCERT AT CORNWALL, O.

In response to an invitation from the good people of Cornwall, the club visited that town, for the purpose of giving a Concert in aid of its poor. Some 40 members in charge of "Evergreen Hughes" left town by the noon train on Saturday, 2nd February, (no trampers this time) and were met at the Station by the Mayor of Cornwall, and driven to the Hall previous to their being billetted throughout the town. A reinforcement left by the five o'clock train, and arrived just as the Concert was commencing, swelling the ranks to the respectable number of sixty. After the Concert the members were entertained to supper, and the floor having been cleared, dancing was kept up until twelve o'clock. The Club returned by train next morning well satisfied with their trip. Particulars will be found further on.

RACES.

The Annual Races of the Club were held on the 9th of February, and were very well attended. Mr. Thos. L. Paton won the Club cup in 14 m. 26 s. and out of five "open" races, four were won by members of the "tuque bleue."

Two weeks later the "Emerald" Snow Shoe Club

held their Annual Races, when all the open races fell to the lot of the "Montreal."

There were also two open Steeple Chases, one given by the "Montreal" club on the 2nd of March, and the other by the "Emeralds" on the 9th, the former was won by the "Montreal," but the latter was won by the "Emerald" club. There were in all 11 open competitions during the season, nine of which were won by the "Tuque Bleue."

THE MONTREAL SNOW SHOE CLUB'S CONCERT.

The following account of the Concert given by the Club, on the 25th January 1878, we copy, with a few variations, from the columns of the Montreal "*Witness*."

"A large and fashionable audience greeted the Montreal Snow Shoe Club last evening, as the curtain drew up on the occasion of their giving a concert in aid of the Montreal General Hospital. The scene presented to the audience, was the head of Union Avenue, which was painted specially for the occasion, and Mr. Angus Grant, clad in all the glories of "Tuque Bleue" costume came to the front supported by "that dog," and welcomed the audience to see what a tramp over the mountain was and

how the club enjoyed itself in its club room. Thereupon, as he gave the well known call, out from the wings came the "boys," in their blanket coats, leggins, blue tuques, moccasins, and the snow shoes clattering at their backs. They soon became numerous, and as they kaleidoscopically moved about one another, exchanging greetings before "the start," the audience caught the spirit of the scene and warmly applauded.

Mr. D. Campbell then sang a song composed by that champion of athletic Christianity, Dr. Beers, and the club joined with a rattling *vim* in the following chorus:—

> Lightly dipping, tripping o'er the snow,
> This club in Indian file
> Tramps off for many a mile,
> Lightly dipping, tripping o'er the snow,
> Hurrah for the wearing of the bright "tuque bleue."

The curtain fell on the "boys" as they were filing off into Sherbrooke Street, and the audience were no doubt trying to imagine the progress of snow shoers toward Mount Royal, when suddenly they were entertained by a musically inclined body of youths in the gallery, who sang all manner of popular and unpopular ditties to old-fashioned tunes. When the orchestra proceeded to play, this impromptu concert continued for some time, the discordant effect being heightened by the noise of

the "gods" boots. The curtain rose on the second tableau, and soon restored order.

MOUNT ROYAL BY MOONLIGHT.

came into view, and the snow shoers were to be seen vigorously plodding away, shaping their course in zig-zag fashion up the mountain side. The scene was realistic, and the audience bestowed merited applause. Messrs. Rendell and Lamplough here sang "The Snow Shoe Call," (words by Dr. Beers,) the club joining in the chorus.

THE CLUB ROOM BACK OF THE MOUNTAIN,

was next shown, the members within presenting a very cosy and unique spectacle. This scene remained during the performance of a very fine musical programme, Mr. W. L. Maltby singing "Nancy Lee" in fine voice and accent, and being *encored.*

"Ye Shepherds, tell me," by Messrs D. Campbell, W. Young, and W. F. Sorge, the latter gentleman taking Mr. Wm. Cameron's place.

"The Poacher's Dog,"by Mr. Wm. Young; and the "March of the men of Harlech," by the Club, were all well sung and elicited *encores* and much applause.

Mr. Septimus Fraser gave a piano solo, variations on "Home Sweet Home," and the first part concluded

with a most comical exhibition; "the Governor General's Body Guard" came hobbling in with military precision, and proved a genuine source of amusement. The gallant private, whose legs were of unequal length, was the feature of the "Guard." In balancing to the music, his spindleshanks kept up an irregular rise and fall, which formed a contrast to the bow-legged sergeant's oscillating movements and the fat man's gyrations. The "Captain's" hits at the drill shed filled with dump carts and stones; the no-pay system pursued by the Mayor, &c., were very timely.

In the second part Mr. Maltby took Mr. Cameron's part, singing the drinking song from "Martha," and responded kindly to the *encore*. The Club sang "Glory and Love."

"Glory and love to the men of old,
Their sons may copy their virtues bold;
Courage in heart and a sword in hand,
Ready to fight, ready to die for Fatherland!
Who needs bidding to dare by a trumpet blown?
Who lacks pity to spare when a field is won?
Who would fly from a foe, if alone or last?
And boast he was true, as coward might do, when peril is past?

This was rendered with some of the finest chorus effects that have been heard in Montreal, and as a body of musical amateurs, the club ranks high.

Subsequently Mr. W. F. Sorge sang "The Stirrup

Cup," and Mr. Charles Reichling gave a violin solo.

Mr. Donald Campbell sang with power, "Come into the garden, Maud," being *encored* he sang "Good bye, sweet-heart, Good bye."

Messrs. Campbell, Young, R. R. Stevenson, and Sorge sang a fine part song, "Sweet and Low." This concluded the Club room scene and during the wait for the next tableau, the occupants of the gallery produced the "Mulligan Guards," "John Brown," &c., with boot heel accompaniments. The curtain rose on

THE RETURN.

The "boys" rattled down the glistening sides of "Mount Royal" in Indian file, a shower of paper snow-flakes gently descending. The effect was fine, as they assembled on the stage, Messrs. Lamplough and Maltby sang "The Snow Shoe Tramp," (by Bailey,) the Club joining in the chorus.

The final tableau showed the Club arriving at the head of Union Avenue, after an evening's sport, and hearty were the plaudits as the curtain fell upon one of the most successful amateur entertainments ever attempted by the young gentlemen of Montreal.

The performance closed by the singing of "God Save the Queen," in which the gallery choir heartily joined, its additions to the programme of the evening not having interfered with it in the slightest.

The Concert Committee, the Director, Mr. R. R. Stevenson and the gentlemanly ushers, merit a vote of thanks.

MOUNTAIN STEEPLE CHASE OF "ST. GEORGE" CLUB.

The Annual Steeple Chase of the above club, took place on Saturday afternoon, the 26th January 1878, and was one of the most successful ever given by the members. The track was heavy and the course lay over the usual track, the finish being at Prendergast's gate.

Quite a number of members faced the starter, and the prizes were won by the following :

J. C. Bowden,	gold medal—	time,	22 m. 40 sec.
Davidson,	silver "	"	23 m.
Matthews,	gold seal,	"	24 m. 30 sec.
Elliott,	sett gold studs,	"	24 m. 40 sec.
McLean,	" silver "	"	26 m. 20 sec.
Dyde,	silver fruit knife,	"	26 m. 20 sec.

There was a seventh prize, viz., a *wooden spoon* awarded to the last man in the race, which honour fell to J. M. Ingersoll.

After the race the club, as well as a number of the "Montreal" sat down to an elegant repast, set by mine host Prendergast when the evening was spent very happily by the introduction of songs and

speeches, interspersed with music by the Band of the Victoria Rifles.

LEVIS CLUB'S ANNUAL STEEPLE CHASE.

This race took place in Quebec about 3rd January 1878, and was won by C. Hall.

"MONTREAL" CLUB ANNUAL STEEPLE CHASE.

The Annual Club Steeple Chase over the mountain, took place on Wednesday evening, January 16th, 1878. The night was a glorious one, the moon shining bright, made the track as clear as day. The start was from Union Avenue, seventeen members facing the starter.

H. Downs led to the College Gates, when George Starke took the lead and was never headed. Reaching the Cemetery, Thomas Paton took second place, and ran so to the finish. The winners were as follows :

George R. Starke, gold medal, time—20 m.
Thomas Paton, silver " " 21 m. 20 s.
T. Rutherford,
F. C. A. McIndoe,
E. H. Hanna,
J. McGibbon,
} Prizes amounting to $14.

After the prizes were presented, the club sat down to the usual supper of coffee, tea, bread, crackers and cheese, which being disposed of, the members retired to the Hall, and the evening passed merrily with songs and dances.

ANNUAL MEETING

Took place on Wednesday evening, Nov., 14th, 1877, in the Club Rooms, Montreal Gymnasium. About 100 members were present. Among whom were Messrs. C. Peers Davidson, N. H. Hughes and William Stanley, the latter gentleman an "old time" veteran of the Club, was elected a Life member, and returned thanks for the honour done him.

Mr. Horn on behalf of Mr. Van Luppen, Sculptor presented the club with one of his Statuettes (the Snow Shoer) and was voted the thanks of the Club.

The following gentlemen were then elected Office-bearers.

ANGUS GRANT.—*President.*
ROBERT CROSBIE.—*1st Vice-President.*
W. H. WHYTE.—*2nd Vice-President.*
G. R. STARKE.—*Secretary.*
F. C. A. MCINDOE.—*Treasurer.*

Committee.

A. W. STEVENSON, JAS. SUTHERLAND, WM. YOUNG.
J. K. WHYTE, W. C. TROTTER, E. BULMER,
J. R. MCKEDIE.

MONTREAL CLUB'S ANNUAL RACES

Took place on the Lacrosse Grounds, on Saturday afternoon, 9th February 1878. The day was fine and a large gathering was in attendance. The competition was keen although the number of competitors was small in comparison with former years; the absence of snow during the greater part of the season, accounting for this fact.

The Stewards were, His Honor Mayor Beaudry, Cols. A. A. Stevenson and W. H. Hutton, Messrs. W. H. Hingston, M.D., Thos. White, A. W. Ogilvie and A. McGibbon, and the Judges, Capts. Sam. C. Stevenson, John Robinson, and W. L. Maltby, Esq.

There were five "open" amateur events all of which, with the exception of the mile race, were won by the "tuque bleues." The sports commenced as usual with the

Indian race,

two miles, prizes $8, $6, $4, $2. This race was easily won by John Lefevbre, in 12 m. 50 sec. defeating Karoniare, Daillebout,, J. Roach and White Eagle. The latter stopping after running the first quarter.

One mile, open,

prize gold medal,—was well contested, George Starke led the field until entering the back stretch on the last quarter, when he was challenged by W.

Farmer of the "Emerald" Club and a hot race ensued, unfortunately Starke fell and Farmer went ahead winning the race, Starke second, J. Laing, W. Kay and T. Davidson.

100 YARDS, DASH,

in heats, prize gold medal, presented by the late President, C. P. Davidson, Esq. 3 competitors. R. Summerhayes, (M) won, defeating R. McGill Stewart, (M) and J. M. Vaughan, in two straight heats.

TWO MILES,

club cup, brought five to the post. Thomas Paton won this event in 14 m. 26 sec. defeating E. H. Hanna, E. Auld, T. Rutherford, and J. McGibbon.

QUARTER MILE,

boys under 4½ feet, first prize, silver medal, second prize, pair of snow shoes. There were only 3 competitors—White Eagle, Jr., won a good race, Mooney having lost his snow shoe on the home stretch.

QUARTER MILE RACE, OPEN,

first prize, a gold medal. The entries were J. M. Vaughan, (C) W. G. Robertson, (M) and William Cairns, (M). After a very plucky effort, Cairns won by about a yard, Robertson falling when near the tape.

HALF MILE (GREEN) CLUB RACE,

prize, a gold medal presented by the President, brought out six competitors--all of whom appeared in club uniform. E. Auld led past the Judges' stand on the first quarter, which place he retained, and won a good race defeating R. Auld, W. G, Robertson, D. Bell, C. D. Turner and E. H. Hanna. in 3 m. 11½ sec.

HALF MILE, OPEN,

prize, a gold medal, 5 competitors. This was one of the finest struggles of the day, and was won by George R. Starke, (M) in 3 m. 2 sec. defeating Butler, (E) who only covered the first quarter, and Alex. Woods, (E) who ran a good race for second place, being beaten 30 yards.

120 YARDS HURDLE (8) RACE, OPEN.

prize, a gold medal—2 competitors came to the post. This race opened with a fine burst of speed and good jumping, the first four hurdles being taken simultaneously, then occurred the first of a series of accidents, first, R. Summerhayes, (M) fell at the fifth hurdle, R. McG. Stewart, (M) followed suit, Summerhayes, in the meantime had regained his feet and duplicated his tumbling feat, Stewart following suit; both having assumed an upright position, a good race ensued for "home" but

Stewart's "star" was in the ascendency, as Summerhayes being completely "off his legs" fell twice before completing the course, straining himself so severely that he allowed Stewart to walk over fo the second heat and the race.

This closed the day's proceedings. Some of the prizes, won by outsiders, having been distributed, and three cheers given for the winners, the Judges and the Queen, the assemblage dispersed.

ANNUAL DINNER OF THE MONTREAL CLUB

The same evening, ninety-two, including guests, sat down to the Annual Dinner in the Windsor Hotel, (which had been opened only a few days previously) and will be long remembered by those who had the good fortune to be present, it being the first public dinner served in the Hotel.

Among the gentlemen present were, Messrs. N. H. Hughes, Dr. Hingston, F. Mathews, W. McGibbon, Alex. McGibbon, C. P. Davidson, Sam. C. Stevenson, W. L. Maltby, Jno. Murray, Capt. Geo. Sully of St. George Club, Charles Boyle, of the "Emerald" Club, Mr. Lennox, (Athletics) Frank Keller, with others too numerous to mention.

After the dinner proper had been cleared away, the toasts followed one another in quick succession, song and speech being sandwiched in the most bewitching manner.

After the toast of the "Dominion of Canada," Mr. W. Maltby sang a new composition by Dr. W. Geo. Beers, entitled

"There's no land, like our own land,"

which was enthusiastically received, Messrs George Sully, W. L. Maltby, Rendell, John Murray, John C. Hodgson, J. L. Lamplough, W. F. Sorge, Wm. Young, Thos. Hodgson and others contributed much by their fine singing towards the evening's entertainment.

After Messrs. Paton, Stewart, Summerhayes, Cairns and Starke, had been presented with the medals won during the day, the chairman called upon Mr. John Murray to step forward, on his doing so, was rewarded with a prize won 17 years before, and which had never been received by him. After some few remarks from Mr. Murray he re-took his seat amid great applause.

At this stage of the proceedings Mr. Grant said, "that there was still another prize to be presented," and on the doors being thrown open a splendid portrait of C. P. Davidson, Esq., and his little son (Pierce) out on a tramp, was presented to view, Mr. Grant then formally presented the picture to Mr. Davidson, as a slight token of esteem, and for the many kind services he had rendered the club during his long and faithful term of office as President.

On rising to respond Mr. Davidson testified to his inability to thank the members in words for the generous gift, and still more generous manner in which he had been treated in all his intercourse with them. He testified to the pleasure he had had in his snow shoeing experience, to the healthfulness of the exercise and the temperate principles induced. He remembered that he had often been told that perhaps there was too much attention given by him to the sport; but his after life had convinced him that he was right after all, and he could look back upon his experience with pleasure. With regard to the remarks already made as to the falling off in competitors and speed of the members, he could testify from actual experience that they were as fast as there was any occasion for, and if the speakers had been compelled to lead them on the tramps, at the conclusion of which he was expected to be the first man at the Hotel, he would scarcely have made the remarks alluded to. He was with Dr. Hingston in his remarks, and supplemented these by asserting that in England's heroes of past days, were found those who had been in their School and College life, first in Cricket, first on the River and always in the thick of the foot ball scrimmage. He had no doubt it would be so with the Lacrosse and Snow Shoe men of the Dominion, should they at any time be called upon to defend that Empire

whose integrity was their pride, and to maintain which was their duty bequeathed by forefathers who expected them to be true to their trust. After thanking the club on behalf of Mrs. Davidson and his family, for the heartiness with which the presentation had been made, Mr. Davidson resumed his seat amid great applause.

Owing to the lateness of the hour several of the toasts were dispensed with, and at midnight the National Anthem closed one of the happiest "meets" of the "old tuque bleue."

The following effusion appeared soon after our races and may add to the glory of our records. :

MONTREAL SNOW SHOE CLUB RACES.

To see each well contested race,
A goodly number filled the place ;
Who paid their quarter at the wicket,
While some preferred an outside ticket,
And, sitting perched upon the fence
Looked on and saved their fifteen pence.

Lo ! the poor Indian ; first appears—
The Indian much beloved by Beers—
Clendinneng's petted aborigine—
Greene's Oka Indian—whose religion
Costs us so many pounds and pence
For clothing, feeding and defence.

Six Indian braves come boldly forth
To show the Redman's strength and worth ;
Ah ! if they'd work as now they run, eh ?
They'd not so often need our money :—
But how would Beers and Company then
Find fitting theme for tongue and pen.

The "one mile race" by Farmer won ;
And then the "dash" in heats, was run ;
"T'was Summerhayes, who gaily "went" it,"—
The prize, gold medal was presented
By C. P. D. Esq., Q.C.—
So many letters ! great man, he !

"Club race, two miles," first prize, club cup ;—
Paton—long may he from it sup ;
And Hanna, he who won the second,
A splendid racer too was reckoned.
"Boys Race"—the medal's Daillebout's,
While Mooney wins the fine snow shoes.

"Quarter Mile," medal won by Cairns.
And Vaughan second mention earns
"Half Mile," for this but three competed,
And Starke the others soon defeated.
Six took the stand for "Green Boy's Race"
'Twas won by Auld with easy grace.

Last on the list, the "Hurdle Race"
But two brave boys, the hurdles face,
Summerhayes at first went well for winning
But fell, and Stewart made the winning ;
There's many a slip 'twixt cup and lip,
And many a race lost by a trip.

Hurra ! hurra ! from lusty lungs
Hurra ! hurra ! from many tongues ;
The sport is done, the last race over,
And each young racer turns a lover,—
See him with snow shoes on his back,
Walking behind that stylish sacque.

Who wins on snow shoes we shall find
In life and love falls not behind ;
Read the great names that grace the dinner,
We'll find there many an old race-winner :
And last not least, comes Nicholas Hughes
A friend so dear to our "Tuque Bleues."

Euphrosyne.

February 9, 1878.

LEVIS (QUE.) CLUB

FIRST ANNUAL STEEPLE CHASE.

The following account of the first Steeple Chase of this Club we clip from the Quebec Chronicle. The event came off on the 28th January 1878, and was a grand success.

This account should be taken in the room of that noted on page 363, which is merely a notice of this event.

THE STEEPLE CHASE OF THE LEVIS CLUB.

"The Annual Steeple Chase came off on Monday afternoon, and was witnessed by an immense crowd of people, from the heights in the vicinity of No. 3 Fort, where a capital view of the race could be obtained, those provided with field glasses being able to see the runners coming for about two miles. The day was all that could be desired for a chase across the country. The heavy snow shoeing of Saturday and Monday made snow shoeing very heavy, which severely tried the wind and mettle of the runners. The start was made at about 3.40 from the Club rendezvous, which is about 2¼ miles in a south easterly direction from No. 3 Fort. Seven started, viz., C. Hall, A. Thibadeau, G. Ramsay, D. Thompson, H. B. Sample, Thos. A. Anderson and W. W. Bâby. Baby led in the start, but was overtaken by Hall and Anderson in ascending the hill through the bush; after getting out of the woods, they all made a bee line across the fields for the Pines, which were passed in the following order:—Hall, Anderson, Ramsay, Thompson, Sample, Thibadeau and Baby, which positions were maintained until nearing the Fort, when some hard running was made for third and fourth places. Hall landed

winner after a good race, thereby carrying off the Presidents medal, having run the distance in 18 minutes, which is considered by those who know the nature of the country travelled, to be remarkably quick time ; Thos. A. Anderson, taking second, an album ; H. B. Sample, 3rd, opera glass and D. Thompson fourth, gold pencil case. It certainly reflects credit on the Club for the manner in which the race was run."

LEVIS (QUE.) CLUB CONCERT AND BALL.

A Concert was given by the members in the Town Hall, Levis, and was acknowledged by the press to have been the most successful and thoroughly enjoyable Concert that had been given during the season, either in Levis or Quebec.

The Club gave a most enjoyable Ball on the 1st March, in the Victoria Hotel, South Quebec, and wound up a most prosperous season by the presentation to the popular President of the Club, Wm. Harder, Esq., of a life size picture of himself and lady.

LEVIS CLUB'S ANNUAL RACES.

On Saturday, February 16th, 1878, the Annual Races of the Levis (Que.) Club came off over the Course near the Grand Trunk Depot, Levis.

The weather was fine and attendance large.

The following acted as Judges, Messrs. George F. Davie, E. W. Sewell, R. McLeod, James Gibson and L. P. Demers.—F. B. Howard, time-keeper.

HALF MILE, (open to Garrison and police), Government pattern snow shoes, prizes, $5, $3, $2, $1. 5 competitors, Jobin, 1. Croteau, 2. Marassin, 3. Haywood 4. time 3.45 s.

QUARTER MILE,—open,—1st prize, gold medal, second prize, silver medal—3 competitors. S. A. Piton, 1. A. Messervey, 2. time 1 m. 18 sec.

ONE MILE, club,—1st prize, club cup, 2nd, silver cigar stand,—R. Dodd, 1. Thos. A. Anderson, 2. time 6¾ m. 4 competitors.

QUARTER MILE,—boys under 12, 1st prize, pair snow shoes, 2nd, album, 3rd, inkstand. George Thompson, 1. Harry Gunn, 2. J. Lloyd, 3. time 1 m. 47 s. 9 competitors.

100 YARDS, heats, open,—prize, silver medal. A. Carrier was awarded the race, as O'Brien's shoes were not according to regulation.

HALF MILE, green, club,—1st prize, silver cup, 2nd, gold locket. C. J. Knight, 1. A. Thibaudeau, 2. time 3 m. 8sec. 4 competitors.

HALF MILE, boys under 15 years,—1st prize, silver medal, 2nd, pair snow shoes. J. Dewer, 1. G. Robb, 2. J. Clark, 3. time 3 m. 44 sec. 8 competitors.

ONE MILE, open,—1st prize, gold medal, 2nd, gold ring. C. Hall, 1. J. H. R. Hall, 2. time 6m, 31s. 5 competitors.

THREE QUARTERS MILE, club,—1st prize, silver claret pitcher, and goblets, 2nd, gold scarf pin. Charles Hall, 1. Thos. Anderson, 2. time 4 m. 36 sec. 3 competitors.

100 YARDS, club, heats,—prize, silver pitcher and tray,—seven heats were run, the winner finally turning up in T. A. Anderson. 6 competitors.

HALF MILE, club,—1st prize, silver toilet set, 2nd, field glass. A. Thibaudeau, 1. D. Thompson, 2. D. Morton, J. B. Ramsay, D. White,—time 3 m. 11 sec. 5 competitors.

HALF MILE, CONSOLATION finished the day's sport, which was won by T. Norton, J. B. Ramsay, 2. D. White. 3 competitors.

"ATHLETIC" CLUB STEEPLE CHASE.

The Second Annual Steeple Chase of this Club over the mountain, took place on Thursday evening, 7th February. The course was the usual one across the mountain and the following gentlemen competed, Messrs. Wm. Bates, H. Bulmer, A. C. Crosbie, J. Crowley, W. Hughes, J. Paterson, James Murray, G. Murray, William Milner, James Wallace and J. Wingham.

W. Hughes led to the pines, the race being finally won by

George Murray, time 18 m. 33 s. (?) gold medal.
William Milner, time 18 m. 50 s. (?) silver medal.
Walter Hughes, time 19 m. 3 s. (?) silver cup.
A. C. Crosbie, time 19 m. 5 s. (?) breast pin.

The time—as given—is the fastest on record over the mountain, but there is much room to doubt its correctness inasmuch as the winner, some days subsequently, failed to do better than 19 m. 15 sec. in the open steeple chase, in broad daylight.

CONCERT OF THE "ST. ANDREW'S CLUB" OF MONTREAL, AT HAWKESBURY.

About the 9th of February, 1878, some 40 members of the St. Andrew's Club of Montreal, with

their friends took the Q. M. O. and Occidental Railway to participate in the Club Concert at Hawkesbury. The party was met at Calumet Station by teams and after half an hour's drive arrived at its destination. The Concert was quite a success, the Town Hall being crowded. After the Concert the visitors were entertained at supper, and several toasts were proposed and drunk; Lieut. Blaicklock responding on behalf of the Club.

On Sabbath they attended Divine Service at the Episcopal Church; returning the same evening to town, by special train, kindly furnished by Mr. MacDonald.

"EMERALD" CLUB STEEPLE CHASE.

The fourth Annual Mountain Steeple Chase of this Club, took place about the 11th February, 1878. The start was made from the McGill College Gates and the finish at Prendergast's Gate. The night was all that could be desired, and the track in splendid condition. The race was a handicap and the following gentlemen accepted. Thomas Farmer and Joseph Boyle, scratch, McGuire and Newman, one minute, P. A. McKenna, two minutes, M. Polan and B. McNally, three minutes, J. B. O'Neill, J. Jobin and J. Mooney, four minutes.

The race was won by J. Newman, in 19 m. 50 s. prize, gold medal.

Joseph Boyle, 19 m. 50¼ sec. prize, silver medal.

Thos. Farmer, 20 m. 20 sec. prize, silver cup.

M. Polan, 20 m. 45 sec. prize, cup.

The prizes were presented by Messrs. C. Boyle, Geriken, W. H. O'Hara, and P. C. Warren.

"EMERALD" CLUB'S ANNUAL RACES.

The Annual Races of the Emerald Club took place on Saturday afternoon, the 23rd Feby., 1878. The weather was very disagreeable.

There were four "open" events, all of which were won by the "Montreal."

TWO MILES, INDIAN RACE. This was won by Joseph Lefevbre, defeating his brother and Joe Foster.

HALF MILE, OPEN,—"Coyle" gold medal. Henry Downs' (M) won a very plucky race closely pressed by E. H. Hanna, (M) 2. and A. H. Woods, (E) 3. who was run to a stand still. The other competitor was Thomas Paton, (M) who retired after first quarter. 4 competitors.

TWO MILES, open,—1st prize, "Kennedy" gold medal. Geo. R. Starke, (M) won "as he liked" in 13 m. 47 sec. defeating J. Boyle, (Emerald) George Murray, (Athletics) C. Hall, (Quebec) W. Kay, (M).

100 YARDS, OPEN, heats,—"Tansey" gold medal.—R. Summerhayes, (M) defeated Vaughan, (C) in two straight heats.

QUARTER MILE OPEN,—"Brennan prize,"—W. G. Robertson, (M) came in first, but having lost a shoe was disqualified and the race given to Wm. Cairns (M), the other competitors were P. J. McElroy, J. J. O'Neill, (E.) J. M. Vaughan, (Caledonia).

Mr. Bowles having presented a cup, and Mr. Healy a gold scarf pin for competition among the Bandsmen, four of them entered for a half mile race. J. Lynch won, closely followed by Flynn, J. Brown and Lennette.

QUARTER MILE, boys race.—1st prize, silver medal, 2nd, pair snow shoes. A. Boyle, 1. Flynn, 2. defeating two others.

HALF MILE, CLUB,—1st prize, gold ring, to be run in club uniform. 4 competitors—P. McKenna, 1. time 3 m. 18 sec. B. McNally, 2. J. Jobin, J. B. Mooney.

TWO MILES, CLUB,—1st prize, "Murphy" gold medal. 2nd, "McNamee" clock. There were only two entries. J. Newman, 1. time 14 m. 20 s. Joseph Boyle, 2.

The prizes were presented on the Ground after the races.

GAMES AT VICTORIA RINK.

The usual games took place in the Rink on the 28th February, 1878, when the Snow Shoe Race was won by George S. Hubbell, R. McGill Stewart, second.

HADLOW COVE CLUB'S RACES.

This Club was organized in 1877 and the following is a record of the 2nd Annual Races, which were held on the 2nd March, 1878. The day was very fine, and track in excellent condition.

Judges, Messrs. J. Robb, J. Gibson, Jr., T. Mokeley and P. Candran,—Mr. Wm. Harder, Starter

QUARTER MILE, boys under 12, 1st prize, silver medal.—A. Mains, 1. A. Dewar, 2.

HALF MILE, boys under 15, 1st prize, silver medal,—G. Robb, 1. H. Lacroix, 2.

HALF MILE, boys under 16, 1st prize, gold locket,—F. Gosselin, 1. J. Dewar, 2. spy glass.

QUARTER MILE, boys under 12, 1st prize, snow shoes,—presented by Mr. Laliberte. A. Mains, 1. G. Thompson, 2. A. Dewar, 3.

THREE QUARTERS MILE, club, 1st prize, silver medal,—P. Brock, 1. H. Monk, 2. J. Mains, 3.

ONE MILE, open, 1st prize, writing desk, presented by Mr. Seifert. T. A. Anderson, 1. F. Lemieux, 2.

ONE MILE, club, 1st prize, silver cup.—H. Monk, 1. P. Brock, 2.

QUARTER MILE, Consolation, boys under 12. William Richardson, 1. G. Bryan, 2. J. Quinn, 3. J. Gosselin, 4. J. R. Lister, 5.

OPEN MOUNTAIN STEEPLE CHASE.

The open mountain steeple chase of the Montreal Club was run over the usual track, finishing at Prendergast's Gate—on Saturday afternoon, 2nd March, 1878. The day was fine and eight "toed" the scratch at the call of time.

Messrs. Fred McIndoe, E. H. Hanna, Jas. Atkins, Rutherford and G. R. Starke, represented the "Montreal," Joseph Boyle, the "Emerald," T. Hughes and Geo. Murray, the "Athletics."

Angus Grant, Esq., President of the "Montreal" acted as starter and time keeper.

Starke led from the start, closely followed to the pines by Atkins and Boyle. The Cemetery was the scene of many a lively brush between Boyle, Murray, Hanna and McIndoe, and the race ended with the men in the order named.

Geo. R. Starke,	first,	gold medal,	time,	18 m. 30 s.
Jos. Boyle,	2,	silver "	"	18 m. 45 s.
Geo. Murray,	3,	silver "	"	19 m. 15 s.
E. H. Hanna.	4,			19 m. 32 s.
F. McIndoe,	5,			19 m. 44 s.

The first prize, a gold medal, was presented by Messrs. Savage & Lyman, the second prize, a hand some silver medal, by Mr. Prendergast, and the third prize, also a silver medal, by the Montreal Club. They were presented to the lucky winners by Messrs. N. H. Hughes, W. Prendergast and Angus Grant.

EMERALD CLUB'S OPEN STEEPLE CHASE.

The open Mountain Steeple Chase of the Emerald Club was run over the usual track on Saturday afternoon, March 9th 1878.

The track was heavy and soft, the snow having nearly all melted away during the mild weather of the week previous. In several places the runners had to plough through water almost to the knees, which made the travelling anything but pleasant.

There were 7 competitors—viz., Messrs. James Wingham, W. Hughes, Wm. Milner and G. Murray of the "Athletics," Joseph Boyle, "Emerald," and Messrs. George R. Starke and William Kay of the Montreal Club. Starke led from the start to the cemetery, where he lost a shoe, while adjusting it, Boyle passed him. Starke being once more upon his feet, he challenged Boyle, passed him, but his shoe again slipped off and Boyle went to the front, winning in 21 m. 11 sec. Starke second, 21 m. 21 sec. Wm. Hughes third, in 21 m. 22 sec. Wm. Kay fourth, 21 m. 26 sec. Starke ran in with his left shoe in his hand, though the fastenings were attached to the ankle, for this he was disqualified, and the second prize given to Hughes, and the third to Kay, who refused it, deeming the action disqualifying Starke unjust. The laws being rather vague upon the subject, the ruling caused some dissatisfaction among the snow shoe fraternity.

The prizes were a meerscham pipe, gold medal presented by the "Athletic Club," and the third a gold medal presented by the "Emerald Club."

CLOSE OF SEASON 1877-78.

During the latter part of the season, the Club with the Montreal Lacrosse Club made the following

offer to the Directors of the Montreal Gymnasium and Mercantile Library Association.

To the Directors of the Mercantile Library Association and of the Montreal Gymnasium, Montreal.

The following offer is respectfully submitted :—

In event of the aforesaid Directors agreeing to hand over and transfer to the "Montreal" Lacrosse and Snow Shoe Clubs all the moveable and immoveable property, Books, Furniture, Moneys and Assets whatsoever, belonging to the said Association and said Gymnasium, and on, or to which they may have any claim or title, without exception, subrogating the said Clubs in all their rights by a Deed of Transfer to that effect, then the said Clubs shall apply to the Provincial Legislature for an Act of Incorporation to empower them to hold, acquire and dispose of property in accordance with the terms of a Charter to be hereafter drawn up, and shall, within six months from date of Deed of Transfer, pay and clear off the existing and due debts and mortgages on said Building and Property, and shall keep and maintain in its present state of preservation the said Apparatus and Property, increase and properly manage the Library—in a word, keep both Institutions in good working order.

The present life members of the Mercantile Library Association, and the stockholders of the Gymnasium, shall be life members of the new Association, with the full powers of ordinary members, having a voice in the drafting of the new Constitution and By-Laws, required for the new and more onerous duties imposed upon the said Clubs, who will appoint Trustees for the special management and superintendence of the aforesaid property.

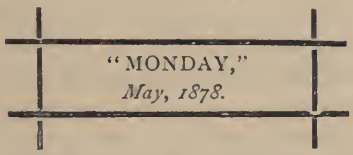
And should the said new Association contract debts to the amount of $, which shall remain unpaid for six months after it becomes evident that the same cannot be met, without sacrificing part of the said transferred property, then it shall be incumbent upon the Trustees, in whose names the said property shall be invested, to dispose thereof, and apply the proceeds of sale as follows :— One-half to the Governors of McGill University, for Gymnastic Apparatus, and the remaining half to the Fraser Institute (if the building have commenced), or to the Gibb Gallery of Arts ; or in default thereof, to the Permanent Fund of the Montreal General Hospital, or, in fact, in such other manner as may hereafter be agreed upon.

ANGUS GRANT,

President "Montreal" Lacrosse and Snow Shoe Clubs.

MONTREAL, 26th March, 1878.

This was not accepted, so the matter was dropped at that time, but renewed later as will be seen further on.



During the month of May 1878, some unfeeling wretch administered a dose of poison to poor old "Monday" and now we deplore his loss. He was a bright, intelligent looking, black terrier dog, or rather Otter dog, and was the companion of the

club in all its tramps across the mountain or country. No matter what depth the snow, "Monday" was never far behind, and his playful gambols made him a general favorite with the boys.

DONATIONS.

We were indebted to Messrs. Savage, Lyman & Co., and Angus Grant, Esq., for very handsome medals donated as prizes, during the season.

Mr. Notman presented the original of the Club picture photographed in 1871-72 to the Club, as well as that taken in 1876-77; the latter will be placed in the Club Room on its return from the Paris Exhibition. An enthusiastic vote of thanks was voted to Mr. Notman for the handsome gift.

ESCORT TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

After the Wednesday evening tramp, of February 13th, 1878, the Club members, to the number of 100 or thereabouts, proceeded to the Academy of Music, Victoria Street, to escort His Excellency the Earl of Dufferin to his Hotel.

"When the Governor left the Academy, the Victoria Rifles presented arms, the Band as usual playing a few bars. The members of the Montreal Snow Shoe Club, sang the National Anthem," *sans tuques.*

"The horses had already been removed from the sleigh and long drag ropes supplied their place. These were manned by

the members of the Club, who also provided an escort to the party, which lined each side of the sleigh. The President Mr. Grant, accompanied by "Monday," commanded the whole and on leaving the Academy, the Club proceeded along St. Catherine Street, singing "Eva," "Tuque Bleue" and other snow shoe songs *en route*, which lay along St. Catherine Street, down Drummond into Dorchester Street, to the ladies entrance. At Drummond Street corner the "tally ho" was given, and there ensued a run to the Windsor which must have startled their Excellencies not a little, and given them some idea of the speed and endurance of the boys. Having reached the Hotel, speed was slackened, and on stopping at the door, the President called for three cheers for the Queen, which were given as only snow shoers can cheer. He then called for three cheers for Her Majesty's noble representative our Governor General, Lord Dufferin, which were given in a manner that made the welkin ring. Meantime their Excellencies had alighted and standing upon the steps of the Ladies' grand entrance, Lord Dufferin spoke as follows :—Gentlemen of the Montreal Snow Shoe Club, allow me to thank you on behalf of Lady Dufferin and myself, for the noble escort which you have afforded us this evening, and before retiring indoors, allow me also to express to you my regret that I was not able to accept your kind invitation to accompany you on your tramps. I see no reason, other means having failed, why the snow shoers of Canada may not start for the North Pole, (laughter). He then bade them good night and retired, while the snow shoers started along the Street for their various destinations, cheering for His Excellency on the way home, and the evening's work was over. "*Gazette.*"

FAREWELL TO EARL OF DUFFERIN.

The following telegram was wired to the Earl as he was *en route* for home.

Montreal, 24th Sept., 1878.

To His Excellency, the Earl of Dufferin, etc., etc.

Rimouski, Que.

The Montreal Snow Shoe Club wish your Excellency a pleasant voyage, safe arrival and happy re-union at home.

ANGUS GRANT,

President.

CLUBS.

The enthusiasm displayed last season over the glorious sport of snow shoeing grew more intense this season as will be seen by the record of old clubs still to the fore, and new ones striving hard to carry their banners to the front.

The "Montreal," "St. George," "Athletic," "Emerald," "Garrison Art," Prince of Wales Rifles, Young Britannia, St. Andrews (Montreal) and Levis, (Que.) Clubs, gave renewed tokens of a lively existence, while the following newly organized clubs gave promise of great activity in the future, McGill University, St. Lawrence, Mount Royal (Junior), Our Boys, Union (French), Clandeboye, Three Rivers and clubs at St. Johns, (Que.,) and Hamilton (Ont.)

SEASON 1878 and 1879.

For the following resume of the Club's doings during the season, we are indebted to the Annual Report :

"Within the past two or three years, snow shoeing has become the most popular of our winter's amusements, and to form any idea of the number that engage in this glorious and healthy exercise, one cannot do better than take up a position on the side of our mountain any evening during the week, when he will have the satisfaction of seeing one or two Clubs pass in their picturesque uniform, besides innumerable smaller parties of from two to a dozen, among whom are not a few of the fair sex, who take as much pleasure in the sport as their sterner companions, continually passing to and fro, and should he take the trouble or rather the pleasure of walking to the pines, or through the cemetery, a track would be found so thoroughly beaten down with the incessant tramping of the snow shoers, that it would be difficult to find the impression of one's own shoe marks. Or should a stroll be taken along Sherbrooke Street on a Saturday afternoon about 3 o'clock, any number of blanket-coated men wearing tuques of various colors would be seen, hurrying to the rendezvous of their respective clubs, and presently would appear a line of 30 or 40 in single file going in the direction of Lachine, while another would be wending its way over the mountain to St. Laurent, or some other suburban village, for an eight or ten mile tramp, and "three hours do as you please" when they got there.

The winter was an exceptionally fine one, and better or more favorable weather for our manly pastime we could not

wish for ; every Wednesday evening and Saturday afternoon seemed to turn out better snow shoeing than the last, and not a single tramp did the Club take, but was said to be "the best of the season."

TRAMPS.

First Club tramp on shoes took place on December 28th, the last on April 9th, the latest tramp on record, and the first time in the history of the Club that tramps were continued after the Annual Meeting of the Lacrosse Club ; but on this occasion the temptation was too great to resist, and Messrs. R. McG. Stewart, A. W. McTaggart, A. O. Weaver and E. McConnell, under the leadership of the President Mr. Angus Grant, with his dog "Chimo" (Monday's successor) did the mountain.

Our Wednesday evening tramps by way of the road and over the mountain numbered 16 with an average attendance of 55, and the largest muster 175. Twelve of these were on shoes with an average attendance of 65, but on several occasions the number almost reached 100. The Saturday afternoon tramps numbered twelve, 4 to Sault au Recollet, 4 to St. Laurent, 2 to Lachine, 1 to St. Vincent de Paul, and 1 to Belœil. The average attendance was 32, with an average of 23 trampers, the largest

muster at any tramp being 37, which was to the Back River, the favorite resort.

"Of the many tramps taken, one is deserving of special notice, that to St. Vincent de Paul. Not since '77 had the Club visited this historic village, and on the 8th March, 18 members set out, led by the President, with H. W. Becket acting as whipper in. Starting from the Club Rooms at 3 o'clock, they reached St. Vincent de Paul in about two hours and a half, after one of the finest tramps on record. Twenty-three sat down to supper and were surprised by the appearance of oyster stew on the table, something very rarely seen on the Bill of Fare of a Snow Shoe Tramp dinner, but they were just the "Boys" to appreciate the repast, especially after such a long tramp, and the manner in which the remainder of the evening was spent, was no doubt owing to the excellence of the fare provided by mine host Truteau. They started for home about half past eight o'clock, with a magnificent full moon to guide them on the way, 16 all up. Scarcely was their destination reached, when vivid sheets of lightning were seen and the rumble of thunder heard in the distance,—quite an unique thing for that time of the year,—and before many of the members were safely under roof, a heavy rain shower began to fall making it rather uncomfortable

and altogether out of place for the end up of such a fine tramp.

The Star of the following Monday says: "The "Tuques Bleues never had as good a leader as its "present President, and crowning his general feats, "that of Saturday last deserves mention, especially "when we recall the old song of the fellows who "once undertook to go to St. Vincent, and "went "15 miles astray." Taking the eastern promontory "of Mount Royal, it was discovered when coming "back that Mr. Grant had made an exact bee line "from there to St. Vincent de Paul Church, and "the steeples of the latter came into view, just as "the snow shoers passed the edge of a bush, which "had previously hidden them from sight. It was "one of the best calculated lines in the history of "the "Montreal" and may be offered as a guide to "other Clubs."

In comparing these figures with former years and notwithstanding that Christmas and New Year's days fell upon Wednesday, and two Saturdays were occupied with races, when tramps were dispensed with, we find the number taken, far exceeds anything heretofore, and a rough calculation shows the Club to have walked about 250 miles during the season.

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership has steadily increased, and we now boast of a Roll of 407, an increase of 68 over the previous year. 50 are Life members and 357 paying members, (including $10. subscribers not included in financial statement.)

FINANCES.

The finances turned out very satisfactorily, showing the receipts to have exceeded the expenditure by $279.99, this balance by an agreement with the Lacrosse Club went to the general fund of the Associated Clubs.

INCIDENTS, ETC.

The season was a most notable one, principally from the many important events which transpired outside the regular tramps, and which added greatly to the popularity of the Club and enjoyment of the members; such as the part taken in the reception by the city of H. R. H. Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne, the leasing of the building now occupied, the Concert in the Academy of Music, the Steeple Chase at Belœil and Supplementary races, all of which deserve a few passing remarks.

Upon the arrival of His Excellency the Governor General the Marquis of Lorne, and the Princess Louise in the city on the 29th November, the Club erected in conjunction with the Lacrosse Club, an arch in honor of the occasion. It was situated on the corner of Beaver Hall and Dorchester Street, and occupied the most advantageous position on the route of the procession, it was surmounted by about 50 members in full snow shoe costume, and presented a most imposing appearance. In the evening it was illuminated with 200 Chinese Lanterns and formed one of the most attractive sights of the city.

The Annual Steeple Chase from McGill College Gate over the mountain to Prendergast's, took place on the evening of January 8th. Seventeen started and resulted in a well contested race.

The same evening a Special Meeting of the Club was held, to authorize the Committee to enter into arrangements with the Lacrosse Club for the leasing of the Montreal Gymnasium. These arrangements were soon after completed and the Club is now enjoying the advantages of the Institution. The services of Mr. Wm. Liddell, (so long and favorably known to the young men of the city) were engaged as Instructor and Superintendent of the Building.

The result of the undertaking has been very encouraging to the club, and from the number attending the classes and those visiting the Building, the prospects point to the success that was at first anticipated and which is sure to follow if the members will only keep up the interest, and give their personal support to the scheme. The Annual subscription was placed at $10.00, covering the Lacrosse and Snow Shoe Clubs, in the hope of inducing new members to join, and putting the use of the Institution within the reach of all.

The Club offered gold medals to be competed for during the Season for the different branches of Gymnastics, Boxing, Fencing, Single Stick, Billiards, Shooting and Bowling.

"Early in January, the Club received an invitation from Mr. Bruce Campbell, to visit the Iroquois House, Belœil Mountain, and at the same time he very generously offered to present a gold medal to be competed for by the members, in a Steeple Chase from St. Hilaire Station to the Hotel, a distance of about 3 miles. Twenty years ago the Club received a similar invitation from Mr. Comte, the then proprietor of the Hotel, and the younger members having heard of the jolly time the Club had on that occasion, decided to accept the invitation for the

25th January. An extended account of the trip is given later on."

ANNUAL RACES.

The Annual Races took place on the Lacrosse Grounds on the 8th February, and were attended by one of the largest assemblys the Club has been favored with for years. The track was in good condition and the races well contested, a noticeable feature being the more than usual number of entries in most of the competitions. The Club cup was won after a very good race, by Mr. A. W. McTaggart in the fair time of 13 m. 34¾ s. Mr. E. H. Hanna second, which honorable position he has had the good fortune to secure for three successive years.

All the open events, five in number, were won by club members, which prove that the club is still able to keep up its reputation of showing to the front in racing as well as other matters. The Dinner took place as usual in the evening at the Windsor Hotel, and was attended by 64 members and 11 guests. The prizes won during the day were presented, and a very pleasant time was spent.

CONCERT.

On the evening of the 25th February, the Club gave a Concert in the Academy of Music, in aid of the funds of our Gymnasium and Reading Room.

About 90 members took part in the performance, which passed off very successfully. The Academy was filled from pit to dome and the handsome sum of $220 cleared, after paying all expenses.

"WORTHINGTON" CUP.

Mr. James Worthington offered a very valuable Silver Cup to be competed for in a one mile race, open to members of Snow Shoe Clubs in Canada, and to be won twice, before becoming the property of the winner. As Mr. Worthington wished the prize to be competed for under the auspices of the Montreal Club, the latter decided to hold Supplementary Races, which took place on the Lacrosse Grounds on the 15th March.

The race for the cup attracted a large audience to the Grounds, the track was soft, having about three inches of snow on it, but otherwise in good condition. Mr. C. Lamothe of the "St. George" Club, won in 6 m. 17 sec.

DONORS OF PRIZES.

The thanks of the Club were tendered to the following gentlemen for prizes kindly donated during the Season. Messrs. McGibbon & Baird, Angus Grant, Jas. Worthington, Bruce Campbell, J. R. Harper and L. C. Barney.

FRANK DOWD,
DIED
Sept., 1878.

The Club regrets the death of one of its Life members, Mr. Frank Dowd, who died about the 1st September last. He had not taken an active part in the Club for several years, but at one time was one of our best runners.

MR. ROBERT CROSBIE.

By the removal from the city, of the 2nd Vice-President Mr. Robt. Crosbie, (now residing in Boston,) the club loses one of its most useful members and his absence from the piano stool on our weekly tramps, is very much felt.

LONG TRAMP ON SNOW SHOES.

From a recent paper, January 10th, 1879, we clip the following account of a long tramp upon snow shoes.

Messrs. R. A. Lyon, M.P.P., W. D. Lyon, M.P.P., W. Abney and Merryfield, walked on snow shoes a distance of 210 miles on the road from Manitoulin Island to this city (Toronto). The whole distance is 374 miles; 64 miles were

done by team and 100 miles by rail, which with the 210 tramped made up the total distance, which took ten days to cover.

They left Michaels Bay on the Southern limit of Manitoulin Island at 6 a.m., on the 13th ultimo, and arrived here on Wednesday afternoon. They were accompanied by three Indian guides, as far as Parry Sound. A great part of the journey was over snow-covered ice. At night the party pitched a cotton tent in which they rested, cooking their supper at a huge fire outside."

The Hon. Messrs. Joly and Marchand, arrived at the Windsor Hotel, (Montreal) on Saturday evening, January 13th, having tramped on snow shoes over the route of the North Shore Railway from Terrebonne.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Club was held in the Club Rooms, on the evening of Wednesday, 13th November, 1878. There were 80 members present. The President, Mr. Angus Grant in the chair.

After the reading of Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, the following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing season. :

ANGUS GRANT.—*President.*
A. W. STEVENSON.—*1st Vice-President.*
ROBT. CROSBIE.—*2nd* " " (unanimously).
GEO. R. STARKE.—*Secretary,* do
H. W. BECKET.—*Treasurer,* do

Committee.

Fred. McIndoe,	W. C. Trotter,	J. K. Whyte.
Wm. Young,	D. E. Bowie,	W. H. Whyte
	Thos. Phillips, Jr.	

Twelve names were proposed for membership.

His Excellency, the Governor General, Marquis of Lorne, was elected an Honorary Life Member of the Club.

After singing "God save the Queen" the meeting dispersed.

"MONTREAL" CLUB'S STEEPLE CHASE.

The Annual Club Steeple Chase over the mountain, took place on Wednesday evening the 8th January, 1879. The track was exceedingly wet and heavy, the night misty, and the time as a consequence very poor.

Sixteen members responded to the call of "time,' among them, those veterans of the mountain track, Messrs. W. L. Maltby, and Thos. E. Hodgson, who in attempting to renew the exploits of their younger years got worsted.

McIndoe led to the fence barring McTavish Street, Starke, Hodgson and Paton following closely. After passing the barriers, Hodgson went to the front, Starke and Paton also passing McIndoe. On

the Boulevard, Starke passed Hodgson, disappearing like a flash into the gully and was not seen by any of his followers, till his rosy, smiling countenance appeared at the supper table in Prendergasts. He beat the second man in, over 300 yards, the order and times being as follows:

Geo. R. Starke, 1st, silver cup,—time 23 m. 16 s.
Thos. L. Paton. 2nd, silver medal, " 24 m. 49 s.
E. H. Hanna, 3rd, do do " 24 m. 49¼
Fred. McIndoe, 4th, dressing case " 25 m. 12 s.
T. E. Hodgson, 5th, gold pencil case, 25 m. 30 s.
T. Rutherford, 6th, Inkstand, " 25 m. 35 s.

The balance of the competitors, Messrs. J. A McGibbon, A. W. McTaggart, J. M. Watt, W. L. Maltby, Chas. Maltby, J. K. Whyte, R. Summerhayes, Harry Downs, Allan Arthur and Fred. Brush, —straggled in during the evening.

The usual ceremony of the presentation of prizes succeeded the excitement of the arrival of the competitors, then supper, followed by songs, dances and other sports, known only to snow shoers.

The first prize, silver cup, was the gift of the President Mr. Angus Grant, the others were given by the Club.

Mr. Angus Grant acted as Starter and Mr. H. W. Becket as Time-keeper.

EMERALD STEEPLE CHASE.

On Saturday afternoon, January 25th, 1879, the Annual Mountain Steeple Chase of the Emerald Club took place.

The day was exceedingly stormy—notwithstanding which, seven competitors faced the gale, and were sent off on an even start to find their way to the winning post at Prendergast's Gate, Cote des Neiges.

T. J. Martin first, gold medal, time, 24 m. 55 s.
Jos. Boyle, second, Meerschaum pipe, time, 24.57
J. Newman, third, silver medal,
P. Murphy, fourth, gold pin,
J. Lynch, fifth, gold studs,
Theo. Jobin, sixth, gold studs,

STEEPLE CHASE AT ST. HILAIRE.

Bruce Campbell, Esq., of St. Hilaire, having presented a handsome gold medal to be competed for, by the members of the "Montreal," in a steeple chase from St. Hilaire Station to his Hotel on the mountain, the club men, with friends to the number of 52 took the 3 p.m. train from the City, on Saturday 25th January, 1879, to compete and witness the struggle for the prize.

The snow had been steadily falling for two days before the event, and on the day it seemed as though the storm king had held the major

portion of his forces in reserve, for it blew great guns, driving the snow about in vast blinding clouds, and threatening a postponement. But once started there was no such word as "fail," and the members steamed gaily out of the Depot through the whirlwind of snow and sleet. Songs beguiled the time till St. Bruno was reached, where they heard that innumerable trains were stuck deep in the snow, between them and St. Hilaire. Soon however the "toot,toot" of the Locomotive was heard, and they moved slowly on their way till Beloeil Bridge was reached, where they came to another stop. "Train stuck in a drift ahead," was the reply given anxious queries as to the cause, and preparations were made to tramp the rest of the way. On getting out of the train, the full extent of the storm was felt and they were driven back to the shelter of the cars by the fury of the gale, which threatened to blow them all to the four winds. After a tedious wait they were again on their way and at half-past five the Station was reached. Mr. Bruce Campbell opened his eyes in astonishment when he saw 52 rollicking snow shoers turn out of their car in response to his query, "are you going to run?" Traineaux were provided for those who had not come prepared to tramp, and the journey to the Hotel commenced. Mr. Campbell with Major Hartland

MacDougall, led the way to break the path—three or four *traineaux* following. The runners were left behind to give the sleighs a chance to get ahead through the heavy drifts; and who could describe the trip through the piles and drifts of snow, capsizes were frequent, and as the over burdened *traineaux* transferred their cargoes into the snow, loud shouts and cheers would make "old Beloeil" ring again. The progress was so slow that the first man (Starke) caught them before half a mile was travelled, close behind followed Wm. Hubbell, R. Summerhayes, and the rest, the "sleighers" shouting till they were hoarse as the runners (8 in number) disappeared in the storm. After innumerable capsizes they at last reached the Iroquois House, and found that a "green one" had won the coveted prize, while the 'favorite' was rusticating among the pretty French girls down in the Village, in blissful ignorance of the direction of the Hotel, and with the sweet consolation of a heavy tramp back through the woods with broken shoes, and the probable chance of a guiding hand from some passing "habitant." After a while being all snugly ensconced in the Hotel, brimful of steaming hot coffee and—other liquids, time was found to listen to the hair-breadth scapes of the runners, but when the dinner was announced none were left behind.

The prizes were presented after dinner by Messrs. Bruce Campbell, Hartland MacDougall, D. E. Bowie and Angus Grant.

On presenting Mr. Wm. McNab with the gold medal, Mr. Campbell alluded to the fact, that it was about 21 years since the house had been visited by the club, among those present on that, as well as the present occasion, he named Messrs. N. H. Hughes, Chas. Radiger and Major De Montenach, and would be glad to welcome any of the "tuque blue" at any time.

Major MacDougall presented R. Summerhayes, with the Judges' prize, (a silver cup,) and complimented him on his pluck and endurance.

Mr. D. E. Bowie, presented A. W. McTaggart, with the silver medal (presented by J. R. Harper, Esq.,) and Mr. Grant, a pair of sleeve links to Mr. Allan Arthur.

The dinner over, the Boys adjourned to the Drawing Room where dancing, singing, and bouncing, each had its turn. But 11 o'clock arrived in due course and then came the order, "time to take the back track," which sounded like a knell, their late experience on said track having been but barely effaced. However, there was no help for it and joy was felt when a reconnoitering expedition returned and reported "fine night." Sundry

hand shakings were indulged in, "hot coffees" imbibed, and once more all were en route for the station.

The snow shoers got on well enough, but the "sleighs" had to go through sundry capsizes, while one sleigh after performing the feat of depositing the occupants in the snow, quietly drove off leaving them clasped in one another's arms, something after the traditional style of the "Babes in the Woods"—with the very noticeable difference that no robins were on hand to cover them with leaves; this charitable part of the story however was well carried out by a Robin-(son) whose kind offices will no doubt long be remembered, at least by one whose pen will sing his praises in story, and by another, whose power lies in wrestling with knotty legal problems. The third "Babe," acting somewhat after the style of "Dick Turpin" *sans* robbery, stopped a passing *traineau*, and without saying "by your leave," soon found a cozy spot between two of the passengers, much to the chagrin of the Jehu, whose loud *sacres* added much to the hilarity of the occasion. However, all things have an ending and once more the Station is reached. Boarding the car and finding that no one knew when they were to start, many thought that a sleep would be a desirable boon, and soon the seats were well occupied by tired mor-

tals seeking to win the favor of the drowsy god. This luxury was not to be enjoyed, however, as the constant arriving of the men who had not been lucky in "making time," drove away all thoughts of sleep. After a tedious wait, they were once more under way for home, which was reached at 4.45 on Sunday morning, all thoroughly tired out, but with the knowledge that notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the trip would remain a red letter one in the memory of those present.

Messrs. R. McG. Stewart and J. A. McGibbon, left St. Hilaire on Sabbath morning, about 10 o'clock, and tramped back across country, arriving about 8 p.m., having stopped at Chambly for dinner.

SNOW SHOE TRAMP AT QUEBEC.

From Quebec papers of date January 24th, we learn that forty or fifty gentlemen of that city, mostly members of the Aurora Club, set out from the Esplanade for a snow shoe tramp into the country. The party was accompanied by Mr. Sydney Hall, special artist of the London (Eng.) Graphic. After crossing Dorchester Bridge, torches were lighted and the scene as witnessed from the city,—the snow shoers tramping in Indian file,—was very brilliant.

CONCERT BY EMERALD CLUB.

On Monday evening, February 3rd, 1879, the Emerald Snow Shoe Club gave a Concert in the Theatre Royal, Cote Street, in aid of the Building fund of the new St. Bridget's Church.

The affair was a grand success in every way, and the club is to be congratulated on the manner in which the programme was carried out.

Messrs. J. Shea, T. Fallon, B. Shea, W. P. Beauchamp, P. Fogarty, (Jig Dancer,) T. C. O'Brien and J. Hocter, led the vocalists, Messrs. H. J. H. Fauteaux's Cornet and B. Shea's Violin solos, charmed the ears of the instrumental lovers of music, while Mr. W. J. O'Hara's native born eloquence filled up the oratorical gap most agreeably.

Miss Shea presided at the piano with artistic grace.

INDEPENDENT CLUB CONCERT AT GRANBY.

On Monday evening February 3rd, 1879, the Independent Snow Shoe Club of Montreal, gave a Concert in the Town Hall at Granby, (Q.) under the auspices of the Granby Mechanics Institute and Literary Association. The Hall was crowded, large numbers having arrived from Waterloo and neighbouring towns to greet the strangers.

Messrs. C. P. Orr, J. L. Lawlor, Feron, Owler, Bernard Richard, Larmonth, W. Arnton, W. D. and F. Travers, led the vocal and dramatical part of the Concert. R. C. Smith shone as the bright particular star in the elocutionary sky—while D. Owler's banjo solo charmed those delighting in the "nigger minstrel business." The Granby orchestra was a credit to the town and played some fine selections.

A vote of thanks was passed by the town people to the club for its entertainment, and by the Club to residents, for their kind hospitality.

"LE CANADIEN" STEEPLE CHASE.

The first Annual Mountain Steeple Chase of "Le Canadien" snow shoe club was run about the 1st of February over the usual track.

The night was bright and clear as day, with the track good.

The prizes were won by the following gentlemen:

A. Gibeau, first, gold medal.

Horace Kearney, second, silver cup.

— Lussier, third, silver medal,

Nap. Mathieu, fourth, silver medal,

— Paradis, fifth, silk handkerchief,

Messrs. Angus Grant, of the "Montreal" and John Boyle of the "Emerald," clubs, with C. P. Davidson and F. Goulette, presented the prizes.

"ATHLETIC" STEEPLE CHASE.

The Annual Mountain Steeple Chase of the Athletic Snow Shoe Club, was run on Thursday evening, 6th February, 1879, over the usual track.

It was a fine, clear moonlight night with a well beaten track, the necessary adjuncts to fast time

Sixteen competitors were drawn up in line, sharp on time, sent off, and arrived in the following order at Prendergast's gate.

Geo. Murray, first, gold medal, time, 20.32¾.

Joseph Lang, second, medal,

Wm. C. Cullens, third, silver cup,

Jas. Murray, fourth, gold pin,

The official time given, was 19 m. for first man, and 19½ m. for second, but as two competent, impartial timers, who went as a check upon the officials, found them wanting, the time, as taken by the checkers is given.

The prizes were presented in the Club Room, by Messrs. Peel, Bryson and Lancashire

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"MONTREAL" CLUB'S ANNUAL RACES.

The Annual Races of the Montreal Snow Shoe Club took place on Saturday afternoon, 8th February 1879, on the grounds of the club.

The day was very fine and the track in excellent condition. The Races were well contested and start-

ed sharp on time, tending materially to increase the interest of the spectators, while lack of good management acts adversely. The competitions were good and large fields contended manfully for the prizes.

The Stewards were Messrs. W. H. Hingston, M.D. Thos. White, A. W. Ogilvie, A. McGibbon, Bruce Campbell, and Col. A. A. Stevenson.

The Judges were Messrs. C. W. Radiger, John Robinson and W. L. Maltby. Starter, D. E. Bowie. Time-keeper, H. W. Becket.

There were five open events, all of which the "Montreal" won.

INDIAN TWO MILE RACE.

For which there were six entries. Jno. Lefebvre, (8), led from the start and won in 12 m. 31 sec. Karoniare ($6), second, White Eagle, ($4), third.

ONE MILE, OPEN,

prize, gold medal, presented by L. C. Barney, Esq. second prize, silver medal. George R. Starke won in 6.12. Charles Lamothe (St. George), second. Ten competitors.

100 YARDS DASH, HEATS, OPEN,

prize, gold medal,—R. Summerhayes, won two straight heats. R. McG. Stewart, second. Wm. Young. third. 3 competitors.

TWO MILES (CLUB) RACE,

first prize, club cup, second prize, silver medal.—A. W. McTaggart won in 13 m. 44¾ s. E. H. Hanna second, defeating John McGibbon, Wm. McNab, Sam. Marrotte, and F. C. McIndoe. 6 competitors.

HALF MILE BOYS RACE,

under 14 years, prize, silver medal, second, pair snow shoes. Thomas McNulty first, Jas. McNulty second.

QUARTER MILE, OPEN,

prize, silver cup, second prize, silver medal.—R. Summerhayes first, time, 1 m. 11¼ s. Wm. Cairns second. G. S. Hubbell, third.

HALF MILE (CLUB) GREEN,

prize, gold medal, presented by Messrs. McGibbon & Baird. D. McAndrew, first, in 3.16¾. J. E. Austin second, defeating A. Arthur, F. Barlow, James Wilson, Wm. Hubbell. 6 competitors.

HALF MILE, OPEN,

prize, silver cup, second prize, silver medal.—Thos. Paton, first, time, 2.58½. Geo. R. Starke, second. E. H. Hanna, third.

120 YARDS HURDLE RACE, OPEN

in heats, prize, gold medal, was won by R. McG. Stewart, R. Summerhayes second.

This closed the sports, after which the prizes won by the Indians and Boys in their races were presented. Three cheers given for the Judges and the Queen, and the Annual Race day of 1879 was over.

ANNUAL DINNER

of the Club was held the same evening, at the Windsor Hotel, among the guests present, were representatives of the sister clubs, Chas. W. Radiger, Thos. White, M.P. W. L. Maltby, Sam. C. Stevenson, C. P. Davidson, Bruce Campbell, Jno. Robinson Jas. Stewart, (Herald), Capt. Kirwan, W. H. Stanley, N. H. Hughes, John Murray, and others, whom space forbids to mention.

Toasts, speeches, songs, and the bouncing of a few individuals in the Rotunda of the Hotel brought the proceedings to a close.

"ST. GEORGE" CLUB STEEPLE CHASE.

The Annual Steeple chase of this Club, took place on the 15th of February, over the usual mountain track. The day was all that could be desired by the most fastidious snow shoer, being sharp and bracing. The track was in prime condition. Ten competitors took part, and about four o'clock were sent off well together.

Charles Lamothe took the lead and was never headed, coming in nearly three minutes sooner than the second man.

Charles Lamothe	1st, silver tankard,	time,	19.07.
Thos. Davidson	2nd, claret jug,	"	21.57.
H. S. Howe	3rd, dressing case,	"	22.21.
G. Maclaine	4th, writing cabinet,	"	23.05.
J. C. Bowden	5th, sett razors,	"	23.35.
J. J. Deane	6th, cigar case,	"	24.00.
A. Smith	7th, cigar ash dish,	"	24.30.

After the race the members sat down to an ample dinner, to which justice having been done, song and speech, followed by a dance in the Hall, so soon as the tables were cleared, were the order of the programme.

LEVIS (Q.) CLUB RACES.

The Annual Races of the Levis (Que.) Club took place on Saturday afternoon 15th February 1879, on the pond near the Grand Trunk Station at South Quebec. The course was well laid out, and every thing done to ensure the comfort of spectators.

The Judges were Messrs. Geo. T. Davie, T. D. Shipman, Fred. Billingsley and John McLeay, Capt. Wm. Harder acted as starter.

HALF MILE, *Garrison and Police race*, Government pattern snow shoes,—prizes, $4, $3, $2, $1. 6 competitors. Gunner Jobin, 1st. Michaud, 2. Haywood, 3. Blais, 4. Time, 3.50.

ONE MILE, club race,—prizes, club cup, 2nd prize, silver shaving cup, presented by G. Seifert Esq. 2 competitors.

D. Thompson, 1st, time 6.52. Thos. A. Anderson, 2.

QUARTER MILE, Boys under 12 years, first prize, pair of snow shoes, presented by Renfrew & Co., second prize, album, 3rd prize, "Go-bang" board. 6 competitors.

Robert Clark, 1st. A. P. Cass, 2. Joseph Carrier, 3.

THREE QUARTER MILE, club race, for the "Renaud prize" was won in 5.10 by Charles Hall, who had for his only opponent, D. Thompson. The prize was a handsome silver plated tankard and goblets valued at $80, to be won three years in succession before becoming property of winner. Mr. Hall won this prize last year.

HALF MILE, club race in uniform, first prize, an illuminated crystal clock, presented by G. B. Howard, Esq., second prize, silver medal. 3 competitors. Elward Wurtele came in first, but having run inside a flag, as did the second man, was disqualified, and race went to E. McKenna. Messrs. E. Wurtele and A. Marchessault competed for second prize, which fell to Wurtele.

100 YARDS, OPEN RACE, in heats, prize, silver medal presented by G. Couture, Esq., Mayor of Levis. S. Piton and J. Goudie, were the competitors, and was won by the former.

HALF MILE for boys under 15 years. 5 competitors, prizes, silver medal and pair of snow shoes. R. Barry 1st, D. McPherson 2nd, defeating C. V. Anderson, Judd and Cochrane.

ONE MILE open,—prize presented by His Honor the Lieut. Governor of Quebec, second prize, silver medal. C. Hall, first, time 6.40, George Gelley, second, defeating Maurice Lynch, H. Monk, J. Mooney, F. Lemieux and F. Brock. 7 competitors.

Consolation race was won by F. Lemieux, J. Mooney, second, F. Brock, third.

LEVIS (QUE)., CLUB BALL.

The Levis Club finished the Season by a grand Ball, which was held in the Victoria Hotel, on the evening of the 18th January 1879.

The Ball was one of the most brilliant of the season, and a fitting "wind up" to the gatherings of the Club.

"UNION" CLUB TRAMP.

On Saturday 22nd February, 1879, the "Union" Club visited (by rail) St. Cesaire, where they were received by the St. Cesaire Band, which accompanied by a torchlight procession escorted them to the Hotel. They spent a very enjoyable time, and started to return to town on Monday morning, but finding the Railroad blocked by snow, tramped across the country; the distance—about 21 miles—being done in about seven hours.

"EMERALD" CLUB'S ANNUAL RACES.

The fifth Annual Races of the "Emerald" Club took place upon the Shamrock Lacrosse Ground, on Saturday afternoon, February 22nd, 1879. The weather was cold and disagreeable, and few spectators were in attendance.

The races on the whole were poorly contested and entries small. All the Clubs, save the "Montreal" sent representatives. The following were the events with winners.

TWO MILES, CLUB, prize, club cup,—Two competitors. J. Newman 1—time 14.10. J. Morton, 2, beaten 15 yards.

100 YARDS, HEATS, OPEN, prize medal—2 competitors. J. Newton, 1. Frank Desroches, (Le Canadien) 2—time 14 s.

HALF MILE, open,—silver cup,—4 competitors. Chas. Lamothe, (St. George) 1. Jos. Boyle, (E) A. Darling, (A) 3. Thos. Gallagher, (E) became "blown" and gave up the contest.—time 2.59.

QUARTER MILE, OPEN, — Medal.—3 competitors. J. Crowley, (A) 1, defeating C. Shea, (E) and J. Lawlor, (Le C), who both came to grief early in the race,—time 1.30.

QUARTER MILE—boys under 4½ feet, 1st prize, medal, 2nd, pair snow shoes.—4 competitors. Young Daillebout, (an Indian boy) first, Boyle 2.

HALF MILE, CLUB, GREEN, in costume,—gold medal.—3 competitors. J. Murphy, 1. Leduc and McVey—time 3.10

ONE MILE, Indian race, $8, $4, $2.—4 competitors John Lefevbre, 1. Baptiste Daillebout, 2. Francis Shamrocks, 3. White Eagle withdrew on third quarter—time 6.10.

ONE MILE, open,—gold medal.—2 competitors. Chas. Lamothe, did not give his only opponent Joseph Boyle, a chance to come near him and won as he pleased in 6.20.

The prizes were presented after the Races, by the President, Mr. Charles Boyle.

"MONTREAL" CLUB'S CONCERT.

The members of the Club gave a Concert in the Academy of Music on Tuesday evening, February 25th, 1879, in aid of the Club House Fund. There was a large attendance and the affair passed off most satisfactorily.

The following were the Committee in charge of the arrangements :—Messrs. Angus Grant, W. C. Trotter, Wm. Young, H. W. Becket and Geo. R. Starke.

PROGRAMME.

OVERTURE....."After Dark,".....*Audibert.*
Orchestra.

TABLEAU—Union Avenue—Night—"The Rendez-vous" and start.

SOLO & CHORUS....."Tuque Bleue,".....*Beers.*
Mr. Arthur Perkins and M. S. S. C.

TABLEAU—Mount Royal.—The ascent to the Pines.

SOLO & CHORUS....."The Snow Shoe call,".....*Beers.*
Montreal Snow Shoe Club.

VALSE....."Fleur du Soir,".....*Bousquet.*
Orchestra.

TABLEAU.—Club Room, Back of the Mountain, "all up."

PART SONG....."Land ho,".....*Leslie.*
Montreal Snow Shoe Club.

FANTASIA FOR CORNET..... *Lavallee*
Mr. C. Lavallee and Orchestra.
SONG..... ...."The Shipwreck,"..... *Weiss.*
Mr. Wm. Young.

SONG .....“The blue Alsatian Mountains,”... *Adams.*
Mr. W. F. Sorge.
ORIGINAL PAPER ON SNOW SHOEING.
Mr. F. J. Hamilton.
QUARTETT, (with Chorus.) “Hail to the Chief,” (*Knight of Snowdoun.*) *Bishop.*
Messrs. Jones, Young, Sorge and Jenkins and M. S. S. C.
(Mr. Jenkins being absent, Mr. R. R. Stevenson undertook his part)
VIOLIN SOLO..“Andante Caprice,” *(by request). De Beriot.*
Mr. Charles Reichling.
SONG.....“The Gallants of England,”.....
Mr. W. L. Maltby.
CHORUS.....“Glory and Love,” *(Faust)....Gounod.*
Montreal Snow Shoe Club.
MARCH.....“The Veteran,”..... *Wiegand.*
Orchestra.
TABLEAU.—Mount Royal—“Home again.”
DUETT & CHORUS..“Snow Shoe Tramp,”..... *Bailey.*
Messrs. Lamplough, Maltby and M. S. S. C.
TABLEAU.—Snow Storm.—“Tally ho,” the “Whipper in.”

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

During the intermission, seven or eight members wearing the most grotesque uniforms and headed by a Drum Major and a banner, bearing the inscription “Bande, premiere classe, Jubilee, June 1878,” marched in and took up a position on the stage

On this being accomplished, the leader announced that they would play the piece which had gained them the first prize. The farce was a most humorous affair and kept the audience in roars of laughter. The "Band" comprised the following talent: Messrs. Geo. DeZouche, William D. McLaren, Jr. John Martin, W. Kay, Jas. L. Gardner, James Paton, James Wilson, and Henry Young, (leader).

Mr. R. R. Stevenson acted as accompanist and director of the chorus, etc. Mr. C. Reichling as leader of the orchestra.

The Concert was a decided success in every respect, some $220.22 going towards the Club House fund.

ST. MAURICE CLUB—THREE RIVERS.

The Annual Races of the St. Maurice Club of Three Rivers, took place on the 26th February, 1879. The weather was very mild, rendering the track soft and slippery.

HALF MILE, open,—C. A. Burn, 1.

QUARTER MILE, in heats,—4 competitors. First heat was won by William McDougall in 1.28, second heat by Walter McDougall; the third, was a dead heat between John Godwin and Walter McDougall; the fourth heat and the race was won by the latter gentleman in 1.35¾.

240 YARDS, hurdle race,—5 competitors. C. A. Burn, 1.

100 YARDS, heats,—7 competitors. M. N. Holmes, won first heat, same gentleman and J. W. McDougall tied in second heat, J. W. McDougall won third heat; as also the fourth and the race.

QUARTER MILE, "Championship of the Club,"—was won by John Bickell of Birkenhead, England, in 1.27. Mr. C. A. Burn allowing him 25 yards start,—rather an original plan in the working of championship races.

Consolation Race, for a pair of snow shoes, was won by Fred. Godwin.

ST. ANDREW'S CLUB STEEPLE CHASE.

The Annual Mountain Steeple Chase of the St. Andrew's Club of this City, took place on the evening of the 3rd of March, over the usual mountain track, the finish being at Lumkin's. There were 21 competitors, who were despatched by the President, Major J. J. Redpath.

The Band of the Victoria Rifles was present and played some lively airs before the start.

The following gentlemen were the lucky winners:

John Morris, 1, time 15.50, silver goblet.
George Wilson, 2, " 16.10, silver medal.
Wm. Hubbell, 3, " 16.30, silver cup.
J. D. Shaw, 4, " 16.32, writing case.
John McLaren, 5, " 17.10, umbrella.

R. A. Kellond and Chas. Barnes, ran a dead heat for the leather medal. After all had arrived

a Concert was announced, when the following artists lent their aid to the general success of the affair. Messrs. Neil Warner, who gave two readings, R. W. Smith and Barnes, some songs, Jones and Prince on the banjo, while the latter gentleman finished an admirable performance with the "tuque bleue Rockaway."

Supper ended a very pleasant evening's entertainment.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. Redpath and other ladies present.

VICTORIA RINK.

The Annual games at the Rink took place about the 4th of March, when the Snow Shoe Race was won by J. M. M. Watt, Wm. Starke second, defeating A. Gardner, F. M. Larmonth, J. M. Fraser, C. Coursol, and A. Stewart.

"LE CANADIEN" STEEPLE CHASE.

The second Steeple Chase of the "Canadien" Club this season, took place about March 4th, over the usual mountain track. There were eight competitors, who arrived in the following order :

Frank Deroche, first, gold medal.
Ferd. Demarschais, second, silver cup.
Horace Kearney, third, silver napkin ring.

"INDEPENDENT" CLUB STEEPLE CHASE.

The first Annual Mountain Steeple Chase of the Independent Club, took place on Saturday afternoon, March 8th, 1879, over the mountain to Prendergasts. The track was heavy, notwithstanding which fast time appears to have been made.

There were fourteen starters and competition was keen.

Thos. Todd,	1, time	19.40,	prize	gold medal.
W. A. Owler,	2, "	21.10,	"	silver medal.
J. T. McNamee,	3, "	21.00,	"	" "
P. Gorman,	4, "	21.55,	"	locket.
G. P. Dier,	5, "	22.00,	"	breastpin.

We do not vouch for accuracy of time given, though official.

After the race the Annual Dinner took place, the day's amusement ending with a Concert and Ball, at which a large number of the lady friends of the members was present.

CONCERT.

On the evening of March 14th, 1879, a number of the members of the Montreal Club assisted at a Vocal and Instrumental Concert in aid of the Organ fund of the St. Joseph Street Presbyterian Church. Among those present were, Messrs. W. L. Maltby, Wm. and Harry Young, J. L. Lamplough, W. H. Whyte, W. Jones, J. Jenkins and others of the club.

The Concert passed off most successfully, and the thanks of the church were voted to the members of the Club.

"MONTREAL CLUB'S SUPPLEMENTARY RACES.

On Saturday afternoon, March 15th, 1879, the Supplementary Races of the Montreal Club took place on the Club Grounds.

It was the occasion of the race for the splendid silver cup, open to all amateurs, presented by Jas. Worthington, Esq., of the "Windsor Hotel," There was a large attendance of spectators, and the races were well contested. The weather was propitious and enough snow had fallen to make the track a fair one.

The Judges were, Messrs. Jas. Worthington, John Robinson and W. L. Maltby. Starter, D. E. Bowie. Time-keepers, H. W. Becket, J. Robinson,

The sports opened with the

100 YARDS, DASH, (green), in heats,—gold medal,—brought seven competitors to the "post"—Charles Coursol won two straight heats, defeating Fred. Barlow, W. Hubbell, A. Giroux, J. Watt, J. E. Austin and Osborne.

ONE MILE, amateur championship—"Windsor Hotel" cup.—6 competitors, viz., Charles Lamothe and George Maclaine, (St. George) William Bonnell, (Independent) Geo. R. Starke, R. Summerhayes and A. W. McTaggart, of the "Montreal."

Lamothe led off, followed by Starke and Bonnell, Summerhayes passed Bonnell on the second round at the "home" stretch, when Bonnell dropped out; Lamothe who was never headed, won a good race in 6.17.—Geo. R. Starke, second, gold medal, Robt. Summerhayes, 3, silver medal.

120 YARDS, hurdle race, green, in heats,—gold medal.—8 hurdles 2½ feet high, 4 heats were run,—W. Hubbell won two heats, Jos. Austin, one, and Fred. Barlow, one, defeating C. Coursol, A. Giroux, Osborne and J. Watt.

This was a poor race, the runners jumping upon, rather than over the hurdles.

HALF MILE, open,—gold medal, presented by J. R. Harper, second prize, silver medal.—This was the race of the day, bringing Chas Lamothe, Thos. E. Hodgson, Thos. Paton, Wm. Hubbell, Robt. Summerhayes, and Davidson to the scratch. The first 200 yards were run at a furious pace by Paton and Lamothe, Paton secured the lead, shortly after being passed by Davidson, Summerhayes, third. The first quarter was run in 1.22½, Davidson, Summerhayes and Hodgson, was the order on the second round, but on reaching the home stretch Summerhayes "sprinted" winning the race in 2.57, Hodgson a good second, Davidson third.

This brought the racing season of 1878-79 to a worthy close. In the evening the members invited their friends to an Entertainment in the Gymnasium, where the prizes were distributed, and the following programme performed.

PROGRAMME.

Opening remarks by the President, MR. ANGUS GRANT.

"SOLDIERS CHORUS" (from Faust).....By the Members.

READING.....Mr. F. J. Hamilton.

SONG......"High Prices".....Mr. J. Wilson.

FOIL FENCING..Messrs. John K. Reid and John Hodgson.

SONG.....Mr. Geo. DeZouche.

TRIO......"Tell me Shepherd".....Messrs. Young.

Presentation of prizes, by Messrs. John L. Morris, H. A. Nelson, John Lewis, N. H. Hughes, Rev. Gavin Lang and D. E. Bowie.

SONG....."Jacob Straus".....Mr. Wilson.

PIANO SOLO.....Mr. Sept. Fraser.

SONG....."Eva".....Mr. Wm. Young, Chorus by Club.

DUETT...."Spooners"..Messrs. H. Young and J. Wilson.

GRECO-ROMAN WRESTLING,

Messrs. R. McGill Stewart and Geo. R. Starke.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

RICHELIEU CLUB, ST. JOHNS, QUE.

The four mile walk of this club, took place on the Banks of the Richelieu River on 14th March, 1879. The prize was a silver cup, to be won three years in succession before becoming property of winner. The race was well contested by the following gentlemen : Messrs. W. L. Marler, L. H. Marchand, Wm. Norris, W. J. Wight, Wm. Gillespie and J. A. Tees.

Wm. Norris, first, time 50 minutes. Wm. Gillespie, second. W. J. Wight, third.

WINNIPEG (MANITOBA) CLUB.

This Club which was organized one year ago is composed chiefly of old Montrealers, among its office-bearers and prominent members we might mention Messrs. Thomas and Rice Howard, Chas. and Edmund Radiger, Cam. Sweeney, Darby Taylor, and John Allan.

The first races of the Club took place at Winnipeg, during February, 1879. the winners being as follows :

TWO MILE CLUB RACE.—Club cup—won by C. D. Rickards, time 15.33¾ sec.

100 YARDS DASH.—medal—won by C. N. Bell, time 15¼s.

ONE MILE,—open race, professional,—won by a Nor'west half Breed, Atkinson, by name, who had just arrived in the City from a point 400 miles West.

HURDLE RACE,—about 120 yards,—won by C. N. Bell.

400 YARDS RACE,—prize, pipe,—presented by Col. W. Osborne Smith, C. M. G.—won by C. N. Bell.

SEASON 1879 and 1880.

The present season was one well calculated to cast a damper upon snow shoeing, owing to the prevalence of remarkably unfavorable weather, either from the want of snow or mildness of the temperature.

TRAMPS.

The number of tramps fell considerably behind those of former years, and on examining the records we find that no less than ten had to be dispensed with. The average attendance on Saturday afternoons was above that of last season, and on Wednesdays evenings, the numbers were not far behind.

The first tramp on shoes took place on the evening of November 26th, a fine clear moonlight night, the second week after the Annual Meeting and a much earlier date than usual; although on this occasion only a few did the mountain, the shoeing was excellent and far ahead of that which followed for several weeks. Thirty-seven members walked round by the road, and many of these regretted not having taken the opportunity of joining the first mountain tramp. The Wednesday evening tramps numbered 14 with an average attendance of 40; of these 11 were on shoes with an average attendance of 51.

The Saturday afternoon tramps numbered five, seven less than last year. The largest muster on shoes was (52) fifty-two, with an average of (25,) twenty-five trampers.

One thing to be regretted was, that the Club failed to visit that time honored village Lachine, every day set aside for the tramp turning out unfavorable.

The Club visited St. Laurent, on the 3rd Jan'y., and Sault au Recollet on the 27th December, 24th January, 7th February and 13th May, in all four times. Sault au Recollet has now become the favorite tramp of all our city Clubs, perhaps from the better accommodation provided for the numbers that attend and the popularity of mine host Peloquin.

RACES.

A greater interest than usual has been taken in racing matters, in which the Club has kept up its old reputation, out of twelve open events being successful in winning ten.

The Annual Club Mountain Steeple Chase took place, after a week's postponement, on the 21st January.

STEEPLE CHASE TO BACK RIVER.

The event of the Season was the Steeple Chase to the Back River. The race originated with Mr. Peloquin, Proprietor of the Hotel, who kindly offered a handsome gold medal for first prize, which was supplemented by one from the "Montreal" and another from the "St. George" Club.

The race was run under our auspices and although invitations had been issued to the other city Clubs to send representatives, only the "St. George" responded. Four o'clock brought to the scratch 16 starters, six of the "St. George" and ten "Montreal" men, the squad being despatched by Capt. Henshaw, President of the "St. George" Club.

ANNUAL RACES.

On the following Saturday the Annual Races took place on the Lacrosse Grounds. But for the track being heavy, making the time a little slow, a better day could not be wished for. The Club Cup was won by Mr. R. Summerhayes, in 14 minutes 45 seconds. All the open events were won by our members. In the evening, 67 members and guests sat down to the Annual Dinner in the Windsor Hotel.

SUPPLEMENTARY RACES.

The Supplementary Races of the Club were held on the 28th February. The weather was unpleasant, and the track about as bad as could be, it only having stopped raining shortly before the races began. At one time it was thought desirable to postpone them but on account of the lateness of the season it was decided otherwise. Of the six events, four, including the "Windsor Hotel Cup," were won by the Club. In the evening the prizes were distributed in the Club House in the presence of a large gathering of ladies and gentlemen.

FUNDS.

Our funds are now amalgamated with those of the Lacrosse Club in sustaining the Club House and Gymnasium, and by the Treasurer's Report submitted at the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Lacrosse Club proved to be in a very healthy state, showing a respectable balance on hand after paying all expenses.

ENTERTAINMENT IN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

During the latter part of the Season a closing entertainment was held in the Academy of Music, in which the Clubs were ably assisted by a few members of the Toronto Gymnasium and Mr.

Edward Hanlan, our Champion Oarsman, who kindly volunteered their services for the occasion.

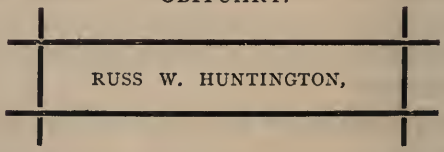
MEMBERSHIP.

We have now on our Roll Book 313 paying members and 50 life members, making a total of 363 members.

CHANGE OF RENDEZVOUS.

We have at last forsaken our old rendezvous, the head of Union Avenue, and now start on our tramps from the Club House: the change was thought desirable not only on account of being more central, but in every way a more convenient place to meet, although many of the old members were very reluctant to leave the spot, at which they had been in the habit of meeting for so many years.

OBITUARY.



We regret to have to chronicle the death, after a brief illness, of one of our most promising members, Mr. R. W. Huntington,

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Club for election of office-bearers, etc., was held in the Club House, on Wednesday evening, the 12th of November, 1879, when the following were duly elected :

ANGUS GRANT,—*President.*
A. W. STEVENSON,—*1st Vice-President.*
H. W. BECKET,—*2nd Vice* "
GEO. R. STARKE,—*Secretary.*
R. McG. STEWART,—*Treasurer.*

Committee.

F. C. A. McINDOE, R. D. McGIBBON,
A. O. WEAVER, JAMES THOM,
J. K. WHYTE, T. C. CHURCH,
JOHN ROBINSON,

The retiring Treasurer Mr. H. W. Becket, read the Treasurer's statement, shewing a balance on hand of $279.99.

"MONTREAL" SNOW SHOE CLUB.

The steeple chase of the above club came off on Wednesday evening, the 21st January, 1880, at 8 o'clock. About that hour there were assembled at the McGill College Gates some 200 snow shoers of different clubs in the city, to see the start. Some seven came to the scratch, most of them being green runners. George R. Starke was the favourite

from the start, and did not belie the confidence reposed in him, coming in nearly two and a half minutes ahead of the second man. The following toed the mark :—Geo. R. Starke, T. L. Paton, A. W. McTaggart, G. L. Sait, J. D. Shaw, C. Patton.

The course proved very heavy up to the Pines, and the runners had a lively time of it. From there to the goal, at Prendergast's, the track was very favourable, and Starke swung along at a good pace, followed by T. L. Paton.

The race resulted as follows :—

Geo. R. Starke, first, time		21 m. 25 s.
T. L. Paton,	"	23 m.
A. W. McTaggart,	"	23 m. 30 s.
G. L. Sait,	"	24 m.
J. D. Shaw,	"	24 m. 28 s.
C. Patton,	"	25 m. 15 s.

The winners were loudly cheered by the large assembly present. The snow shoers and their friends, on the conclusion of the race, adjourned to Prendergast's, and the prizes were presented. Mr. Vice-President Stevenson presented the first prize, (President's Cup) to Mr. Starke and the 2nd prize, a dressing case, to Mr. Paton, amidst loud cheers.

The third prize, a medal, was handed the winner in a few well chosen words by Mr. R. D. McGibbon,

the fourth, sleeve links, the fifth, silver studs, and sixth, silver pin, by Mr. W. H. Whyte. The rest of the evening was spent in song and the peculiar merriment characteristic of the snow shoer.

"EMERALD" CLUB STEEPLE CHASE.

The Annual Mountain Steeple Chase of this club, took place on Monday evening, January 26th, 1880. The start was made from the McGill College Gate, the finish being at Lumkin's Hotel, Cote des Neiges.

The sky was bright and clear, but the track was soft. There were seven competitors.

Joseph Boyle, first, time 16.45.
John Newman, second, " 17.05.
T. E. McKenna, third, " 17.35.
T. J. Martin, fourth, " 18.00.

Thos. Farmer came to grief early in the race by the breaking of his shoe, Martin stuck fast in a snow drift, and lost valuable time in extricating himself.

The prizes were presented at the supper in the Hotel, after the race.

"LE CANADIEN" STEEPLE CHASE.

The Annual Steeple Chase of this club took place on Tuesday evening, 27th January, 1880.

The night was none of the best for snow shoeing, it having rained nearly all day. The track was wet and heavy and a mist obscured the scene, notwithstanding these drawbacks, seven competitors toed the scratch, and were sent off by the starter Mr. J. H. Doucet.

A. Ledoux, first, time 28.30.

F. Boursier, second, " 32.00.

T. Bell, A. St. Cyr, and W. Pilotte, arrived in the order named.

OPEN STEEPLE CHASE TO BACK RIVER.

On Saturday, February 7th, 1880, the open steeple chase between members of the "St. George" and "Montreal" Clubs to Peloquin's Hotel, at Sault aux Recollect, took place.

The start was made from Fletcher's Field, and the following gentlemen faced the popular President of the "St. George" Club. Mr. Fred. C. Henshaw, who acted as starter.

Messrs. T. Davidson, Geo. Roy, J. C. Bowden, Smith, Ireland and Howard, of the "St. George" club.

Messrs. Geo. R. Starke, A. W. McTaggart, W. McNab, E. H. Hanna, G. L. Sait, Fred. McIndoe, J. W. Shaw, Chas. Patton, John McGibbon and Robt. Summerhayes, of the "Montreal" Club. Sixteen in all.

The day was beautiful and a very large assemblage was present at the start.

Mr. Angus Grant of the "Montreal" Club started about an hour ahead of the runners, leading some sixty-eight men of both clubs.

At the start Mr. McGibbon led off, but was soon passed by Mr. Starke, who piloted the way after the first half mile, and arrived at Peloquin's Hotel about a minute ahead of the second man. The whole distance about five and a half miles was accomplished as follows:

Geo. R. Starke, (M) first,	time	43.26½.
A. W. McTaggart, (M) second,	"	44.26½.
T. Davidson, (ST. G) third,	"	44.41½.
W. McNab, (M) fourth,	"	46.15.
Geo. Roy, (ST. G) fifth.	"	46.30,

The first prize, was a gold medal, presented by Mr. Peloquin, second prize, gold medal, presented by "Montreal" Club, third prize, gold medal, presented by "St. George" Club.

Between two and three hundred assembled at the Hotel to see the finish. After all had arrived, an elegant supper was discussed, when Mr. Angus Grant, presented Mr. Peloquin's medal to Mr. Starke, Messrs. E. A. Whitehead and F. C. Henshaw, doing the honors for the remainder.

Messrs.. Angus Grant, Fred. C. Henshaw and A. W. Stevenson, acted as Judges. Messrs. J. R. Harper and H. W. Becket, as time-keepers.

"MONTREAL" CLUB'S ANNUAL RACES.

The Annual races of the "Montreal" Snow Shoe Club came off Saturday afternoon 14th Feb. 1880, on their grounds, Sherbrooke Street. The weather was beautiful and but for the track being rather heavy the day could not have been better chosen for the sport. The pavilion and grand stand were crowded there being a large number of the fair sex present, who appeared to take as much interest in the various games as did their sterner companions.

Honorary Stewards.—His Honor Mayor Rivard, Messrs. W. H. Hingston, M.D., Thos. White, M.P. M. H. Gault, M.P., Alex. McGibbon and James Worthington.

Judges—Messrs. C. P. Davidson, John Robinson and W. L. Maltby.

Starter, Duncan E. Bowie. Time-keepers, Hugh W. Becket and J. R Harper.

About half-past two o'clock the bell sounded and the Judges and Committee, having taken their places, six Caughnawaga braves toed the scratch for a trial of endurance in the

TWO MILE RACE,—prizes, $8, $5, $3, $1.—At the start Strong Arm led for a short distance, but he was soon passed by John Lefebvre, who kept a good lead to the close, coming in winner, in 14 m. 12½ sec. Michel Lefebvre second, in 14 m. 45 sec. and Strong Arm third, in 15 m. 55 sec. White Eagle, who had strolled on as last man during the fore part of the race, passed the man ahead of him and came in for the fourth prize.

ONE MILE, (open) 1st prize, gold medal, 2nd prize, a silver medal,—brought out Geo. R. Starke, A. W. McTaggart and Joseph Laing. In this race, Laing had many supporters, but although he ran a splendid race, the untiring Starke came in ahead in 6 m. 35¼ sec. A tight brush between Laing and McTaggart occurred on the "home stretch," Laing only keeping second place by a great effort. Time 6·42—3 competitors.

100 YARDS DASH, (in heats) open, prize, silver cup,—2 competitors. In this race R. McGill Stewart had it pretty much his own way, taking the first heat in 13½ sec. G. S. Hubbell retired after this heat, and in the second heat, Joseph Austin fell when about half way down the track, giving Stewart an easy victory.

TWO MILES, (club), first prize, club cup, second prize, silver medal,—4 competitors. It was a good race, Summerhayes coming in first in 14 m. 45 sec. McNab ran well, keeping the lead until the last lap, when he was passed by Summerhayes, McNab second, time 15 min. 15 sec. Shaw third, 15 m. 30 sec. Wm. Hubbell dropped out at the mile.

THE BOYS' RACE, first prize, silver medal, second prize, snow shoes.—17 competitors. Two miniature Indians excited considerable laughter by continually brushing during

the entire race, although their chance of winning was small. McNaughton won in 1 m. 48¾ sec. R. Starke, 1 m. 55 sec. Murray, 1 m. 56. sec.

THE QUARTER MILE (open), prize, gold medal,—3 competitors. This was a good race between Fred. Corcoran, (M) and George Roy, (ST. G) Auld not passing the winning post at the close. On the home stretch Corcoran increased his speed and took first place in 1 m. 25¾ sec. Roy, 1 m. 30 s.

HALF MILE (club) green, in uniform,—first prize, gold medal, second prize, silver medal, brought seven competitors to the scratch.. The race was a close one, Norman Fletcher beating Charles Patton, by about 1 foot ; time made, 3 min. 17¼ sec.

HALF MILE (open), 1st prize, gol l medal, 2nd prize, silver medal. This was a poor affair, G. R. Starke, Thos Paton, and Wm. Robertson, being the only starters, Starke won easily in 3 m. 8¼ sec. Paton 3 m. 13 sec.

120 YARDS HURDLE RACE (in heats), 1st prize, silver cup. R. McGill Stewart, Joseph Austin, and Wm. Hubbell, competed. The first heat was a close one between Stewart and Austin, the former winning in 20½ sec. In the second heat Austin fell over one of the hurdles, and Hubbell falling at the start, it was another easy victory for Stewart.

After the Judges had presented the prizes in the boys' race, and a medal to Mr. J. Laing, the "dark horse" who took second place in the mile, the spectators dispersed, after having witnessed one of the most successful gatherings in the annals of the club.

of the Club was held in the evening in the Windsor Hotel, when between sixty and seventy sat down to a sumptuous repast. The chair was occupied by the President, Mr. Angus Grant, beside whom sat the Honorary-President, Mr. N. Hughes, "Old Evergreen." Among the guests were Messrs. Thomas White, M. P., Dr. Hingston, C. Peers Davidson, Q. C., Lieut.-Colonel E. A. Whitehead, T. Dennistoun, Captain Fred. Henshaw, F. Potter, *New York Tribune*, J. L. Cotton, (Barbadoes) etc. The Vice-chairs were occupied by Messrs. A. W. Stevenson and H. W. Becket. An excellent *menu* having been discussed, the first toast, "The Queen" was heartily honored, Mr. Hughes leading in the National Anthem. "The Prince and Princess of Wales" was the next proposed, and followed by the song "God bless the Prince of Wales." "The Governor-General and the Dominion of Canada" was then given by the Hon-President, and after the applause which it kindled had subsided, Mr. T. E. Hodgson sang "Lorne and Louise's Welcome to Canada." "The Army, Navy and Volunteers" was responded to by Lieut.-Colonel Whitehead, who spoke of the great advantages which athletic training conferred on militia men.

Captain Stanley, late of the Victoria Rifles, responded on behalf of the retired officers, declaring that if circumstances should ever demand it they would re-enter the service.

Mr. A. W. Stevenson, the first Vice-President, then proposed "Our Sister Clubs," expressing the pleasure felt in the presence of so many representatives from other clubs, among them the gentlemen from Point Levis and Quebec, who were seated on his right.

Mr. Harcourt Smith, (Quebec Club) in reply congratulated the Club on the success of the afternoon's races. He assured the members of the Montreal Snow Shoe Club of a hearty welcome should they visit the Quebec men at any time.

Mr. Duhamel, (Point Levis Club) in responding invited the Montreal men to their races the next week.

Captain Henshaw, President of the "St. George" Club, referred to the good feeling between his club and the "Montreal."

Mr. Arnton, Vice-President of the "Independents," also responded on behalf of the "blue and red."

Messrs. W. H. Whyte and Wm. L. Maltby sang "The Snow Shoe Tramp."

Mr. H. W. Becket, the Vice-Chairman, proposed "Our Stewards, Judges and Guests," in an appropriate speech.

Mr. Thos. White, M.P., in responding expressed great pleasure at being again among his old friends of the "Montreal" Snow Shoe Club. For this purpose he had left the festivities in Ottawa. He referred to the tendency to dissipation among young men, and knew of no better preventive than the physical training necessary to such contests as those in which they had engaged in the afternoon.

Dr. Hingston was then called for, and on rising said that if ever he felt young again it was among the members of this Club. One thing he had always admired was their fairness in racing, but he thought he had been unfairly handicapped in being called upon to speak at such short notice. He spoke of the very beneficial effects of such physical training as the men subjected themselves to. In the afternoon he had admired the legs of some of the competitors, and having the curiosity to feel them, he came to the conclusion that such legs did not belong to sneaks.

Mr. C. Peers Davidson, Q.C., ex-President of the Club, was then called for, and said the duties of the judges were supposed to have ended on the

field, while the stewards were to be the ornaments of the dinner table.

Mr. Potter, of the New York *Tribune*, Mr. Dennistoun and Lieut.-Col. Whitehead, also responded.

"Our winter sports" proposed by the first Vice-Chairman was responded to by Mr. R. D. McGibbon, in an eloquent speech, after which Mr T. E. Hodgson sang the "Snow Shoe call."

"The winners," proposed by Mr. H. W. Becket, was most heartily received, and as each successful racer was called up to receive his prize he was heartily cheered.

Dr. Hingston proposed "the President," which was heartily honored, and appropriately responded to by Mr. Grant.

"The ladies" was ably responded to by Messrs. D. E. Bowie and W. Jarvis, and the toast to the "Press" brought the dinner to a close. The National anthem and "Auld Lang Syne" were sung before the company dispersed.

THE "ST. GEORGE" SNOW SHOE CLUB.

About Feby., 10th, 1880, about 35 members of the "St. George" Snow Shoe Club tramped across the mountain, a very enjoyable evening being passed after the usual style of the snow shoers. During

the evening, songs and glees were sung, interspersed with dances. Mr. A. Beaudry played for the Club, a waltz he had composed and dedicated to his comrades of the "St. George," and Mr. J. Muir recited an original production, his theme being a snow shoe tramp across Mount Royal, of which the following verses will give our readers an idea :

'Tis a glorious winter evening, "Jack Frost" is in the air,
A breeze is springing up, and it is keen and rare ;
The silver moon shines forth from out a cloudless sky,
Lighting up the snow-clad hills far as can reach the eye ;
The snow feels crisp beneath our feet as we homeward go.
And it is "tramp night," now boys, "St. George," Oho !

Hark ! the Cathedral chimes the hour at which we meet,
And on the college campus and out upon the street,
You will see the many forms of those clad all in white.
Who have come to cross the mountain on this fine moonlight night,
The mountain stands out boldly from the azure tinted sky,
And the lights within the college look cheerful to the eye,

We strap on our snow shoes, and ready now we stand
A knickerbockered, blanket clad and stalwart-looking band,
With purple tuques upon our heads, and the red cross on our breast,
We wait the signal of our chief to start off with the rest,
"Up, up !" at last, the leader cries, and we fall into line,
Then start across the snowy ground, our faces toward the pine.

A stalwart tramper leads the way, we follow as we can,
And "number off" as we tramp on, man following man,
The long line winds quickly on as we climb the little hills,
As we vault the low fences, and cross the frozen rills,

The "whipper-in" keeps up the ones that wish to lag behind
And the leader presses forward bearing the goal in mind.

We pass the higher reservoir and out upon the park,
Where the tall monarchs cast their shadows long and dark,
Then we clamber up the hill, and the "pines" appear in sight,
The wind whistles through their branches on this fine star-
light night,
We cross beneath their shadow, and sliding down the hill
We run across the snowy waste and jump the frozen rill.

We push through the thicket, with our hands protect our face,
Then out upon the open ground, we follow in the race,
We clamber through the fence and down the hill we go,
Past the massive vaults and over the glistening snow,
We cross the dreary cemetery,—"God's acre" some would
say,
Then the forwards "double" and we follow as we may.

We see the lights of "Cote des Neiges" twinkling not far
away,
"And there's the light at Prendergast's" as some of us do say,
Then the leader flies along and we join quickly in the race,
Each tries to pass the other and gain a better place,
But soon we reach, all panting, the welcome open door
And kicking off our snow shoes, the outward tramp is o'er.

SNOW SHOE RACE ON ICE.

On February 14th, 1880. Games were held in Mr. Lomas' Skating Rink, Point St. Charles, when a prize was given for a half mile race on snow shoes.

J. M. Vaughan, first.

J. W. Clark, second.

"ST. GEORGE" SNOW SHOE CLUB.

The Annual Steeple Chase of the above Club came off on Saturday last, February 21st, 1880, over the old course from McGill College gates to Prendergast's. The track was somewhat heavy from the heavy fall of snow which had continued all day. At four o'clock the competitors were ordered to strip and make ready for the tussle, and the following toed the scratch: G. E. Roy, T. Davidson, J. Wallace, J. Bowden, J. Smith, A. S. Henshaw and Howard. The two former were favourites for first place, whilst Bowden, the old champion of the club, was looked upon as sure of a good place.

The start was made at about a quarter past four, and all got away well together, Davidson first, Bowden close behind him and Wallace third. In McTavish Street, Wallace passed both the leaders, and was the first to reach "the gully" when Roy, pushed Wallace for first place and gained it, Bowden remaining fourth. At the Pines, Wallace again took the lead, but was again passed by Roy, who maintained his position to the end, coming in a good winner.

George Roy, first, 21 m. 30 sec.
T. Davidson, second, 21 m. 50 sec.
J. Wallace, third, 22 m. 30 sec.

John Bowden, fourth, 23 m.

A. Smith, fifth, 24 m. 30 sec.

A. S. Henshaw, sixth, 25 m.

Stuart Howard, seventh, 26 m. 20 sec.

Each runner was heartily cheered as he arrived, after which the members and guests repaired to Prendergast's large dining-room where all sat down to a substantial dinner.

Captain Henshaw, President of the Club, occupied the chair, and amongst the guests present, were Messrs. Angus Grant, G. Starke, Jas. Green, R. McG. Stewart, and R. Summerhayes, of the "Montreal" Club, J. Martin, of the "Emerald," P. B. Migneault, of the McGill, and others. After due justice had been done to the tempting fare, the Chairman called for order, and announced that the dinner being an informal affair he would not occupy their time with many toasts. He then gave "The Queen," which was drank with loyal heartiness, the National Anthem being sung by all present.

Captain Sully then gave "Our Sister Clubs and our Guests."

Mr. Grant, in reply, thanked the members of the Club for the manner in which the toast of the Sister Clubs had been received.

Responses were also made by Mr. Migneault for the McGill Club, in a humourous speech; Mr. Martin for the "Emeralds," and Mr. Colson, of the *Gazette*, for the guests.

The prizes were then presented and the rest of the evening spent in that enjoyable manner peculiar to snow shoers. and all returned to town at an early hour.

"THISTLE" CLUB STEEPLE CHASE.

The first Annual Steeple Chase of this Club took place about Saturday, February 21st, 1880. The course being from McGill College Gates to Prendergast's.

F. Simpson, 1st; F. Bowden, 2nd; D. Lyons, 3rd.

JACQUES CARTIER CLUB STEEPLE CHASE.

The first Annual Steeple Chase of this Club took place on Saturday, February 21st, 1880. The course lay from Back River Toll Gate to Robinson's Hotel, about a mile distant. . Five competitors toed the scratch.

A. Gareau, first, time 7 m.
A. Clement, second, " 8 m.
A. Mercil, third, " 8.10.

The prizes were, silver medal, opera glass and pair of snow shoes.

GAMES AT THE VICTORIA RINK.

There was a large attendance at the Victoria Rink on Saturday evening, Feby., 21st, 1880, to witness the annual sports. The band of the Victoria Rifles was present, and enlivened the proceedings by giving some choice selections.

A snow shoe race was the first on the programme, and after a sharp contest, G. Aird, (Independent) came in first, C. J. Hodgson second, and J. W. Richards, third.

None of the "Montreal" competed.

MOUNTAIN BOYS STEEPLE CHASE.

The first Annual Steeple Chase of this Club, took place on Tuesday evening, 24th of February, 1880, from College Gates to Prendergast's Hotel. There were seven competitors. The prizes were two silver medals, sett of studs and pocket knife.

J. Reid, first.
W. Morpison, second.
J. McLeod, third.
A. Cooke, fourth.

"INDEPENDENT" CLUB STEEPLE CHASE.

On Monday evening, 23rd of February, 1880, the Annual Steeple Chase of this Club took place,

the usual course was run and fourteen runners answered the "call" at the "scratch."

The weather was fine and clear, the track good.

The following were the winners :

Thos. Todd, first, time 20 m. 6½ sec.
B. B. Common, second, " 21 m.
B. Levin, Jr. third, " 22 m. 18 sec.

John T. McNamee as last man in, received a leather medal.

"LE CANADIEN" STEEPLE CHASE.

The second Steeple Chase this season, of the "Le Canadien" Club took place on Wednesday evening, 24th of February, 1880, over the usual course to Prendergast's.

The following gentlemen were the lucky winners:

Frank Deroche, first.
Alf. ——— second.
J. Deslaurier, third.
J. B. Ostell. fourth.

"MONTREAL" CLUB, SUPPLEMENTARY RACES.

These races came off on the Montreal Lacrosse Grounds on Saturday afternoon, 28th of February, 1880. The day was mild and the track, from the rain of the morning was in a very poor condition.

The interest of these races was centered in that for the "Windsor Hotel Cup" and a general regret was expressed when it became known that C. Lamothe could not—from illness—compete for the trophy. The races were well contested though the entries were small.

100 YARDS DASH, green, open, (in heats)—first prize, silver cup, 2nd prize, silver medal—3 competitors. William Blacklock, first, Joseph Austin, second, Patton, third, time 14½ sec.

ONE MILE, AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP, 1st prize, "Windsor Hotel Cup"—second prize, gold medal.

Messrs. A. W. McTaggart and Geo. R. Starke, represented the "Montreal" George Roy, the "St. George" and J. Boyle and McKenna, the "Emerald."

Starke led from the start and won quite easily in 6.28½ s. A. W. McTaggart second, in 6m. 44s. the rest of the field beaten off.

HALF MILE, GREEN, OPEN — first prize, gold medal, presented by a lady friend—was won by T. Davidson of the "St. George" Club, time 3.8¾, McNab, (M) second, Shaw, third, C. Patton dropped out at quarter.

QUARTER MILE DASH, open,—first prize, gold medal, second prize, silver medal. Only two competitors appeared at the post—Geo. F. Corcoran, (M) first, time 1.24, Thos. L. Paton, (M) second, time 1.40.

QUARTER MILE, boys. This was a race for the benefit of two Indian youngsters who created great amusement by their continual brushes. As names are of little moment on this occasion our readers will pardon the omission.

120 YARDS HURDLE RACE, open, (in heats)—first prize, silver cup, second prize, silver medal,—brought Joseph Austin and John Kay to the post, won easily by Austin.

HALF MILE, OPEN,—first prize, gold medal, second prize, silver medal. This was the race of the day and brought Geo. R. Starke, R. Summerhayes, Norman Fletcher and A. W. McTaggart, all members of the "Montreal," to the post.

Starke and Summerhayes had a stiff brush for the lead, when the pluck of the former carried him to the front, which place he maintained to the finish,—time 3.03, Summerhayes, second, in 3 04. Fletcher third.

"EMERALD CLUB" OPEN STEEPLE CHASE.

On Monday evening, the 1st of March, 1880, the open steeple chase of this club took place over the usual track to Lumpkins Hotel, eleven contestants, representing the "Emerald" "Independent" and "Le Canadien" Clubs, faced the starter. The weather was cold and track very slippery.

Joseph Boyle, (E)	first,—time	18.03½.
Jas. McKenna, (E)	second, "	18.30.
J. Newman, (E)	third, "	18.32.
E. Deslaurier, (C)	fourth, "	19.00.
J. Lavergne, (C)	fifth, "	19.40.
—Gorman, (I)	sixth, "	19.42.

After presentation of prizes, a supper took place at which a number of the members of city clubs were present.

"INDEPENDENT" CLUB STEEPLE CHASE.

The first Annual green Steeple Chase of this young club, took place on Saturday afternoon, 6th of March, 1880, over the usual track, to Prendergast's. Eight competitors faced the starter, and the winners were

C. H. Dowd,	first,—time,	22 m.	19 sec.
J. Fraser,	second, "	22 m.	29 sec.
A. Sleeth,	third, "	23 m	15 sec.
W. Girdwood,	fourth, "	23 m.	42 sec.
N. Leduc,	fifth, "	25 m.	23 sec.

J. Isaacson, W. B. Bullion, and W. E. Smith as last man in, received a leather medal.

The annual dinner took place at the close, and was the occasion of a very happy time.

The prizes were as follows: gold medal, presented by Lt. Col. Frank Bond, second prize, silver watch, third prize, gold pin.

MONTREAL SOCIAL CLUB STEEPLE CHASE.

On Thursday evening, 11th of March, 1880, Messrs. C. A. McGregor and Adam Allan, each

accompanied by a lady, started from McGill College Gate for a race to Lumpkins.

Mr. McGregor and his fair partner were the winners of first place.

The club presented each of the ladies with a pair of gold ear-rings, and a pair of snow shoes.

MOUNTAIN BOYS—ANNUAL RACES.

The races of this club came off at Outremont, on Tuesday the 23rd of March, 1880.

QUARTER MILE,—H. Higginbotham, first, J. McLeod, second.

HALF MILE, boys under 15 years,—George Read, first.

100 YARDS DASH, heats,—F. Bowden, first, H. Higginbotham.

TWO MILES,—J. Read, first, J. McLeod, second, W. Murray, third.

WINNIPEG (Ma.) CLUB RACES.

The Annual Races of this club took place in Winnipeg, Man., during February, 1880. An old "Montreal" man, won the club race of two miles.

HURDLE RACE, 150 yards, over 4 hurdles, prize, a belt. C. N. Bell first.

ONE MILE, professional,—McEwan, first, time, 7.35.

100 YARDS, heats, prize, medal,—Edw. Armstrong, first.

TWO MILES, club, prize, club cup,—C. W. Radiger, first, he ran alone after first half mile.

BOYS RACE, half mile,—won by young Howard, son of Hon. Thos. Howard, an old member of the "Montreal," the poor boy died a week or so later of Rheumatism.

TRAMPING.

By a Tramp.

(AIR—JINGLE BELLS.)

Dashing o'er the snow
Jumping fence and drift
O'er the fields we go
Upon our snow shoes swift
Bleue tuque on our head
Snow shoes strapped on tight
Oh what fun it is to tramp out on a moonlight night.

CHORUS.—Tramping boys, Tramping boys
O'er many a mile we go,
Oh what fun it is to tramp
Across the trackless snow.

The Moon is shining bright
The wind is blowing strong
And as we tramp to-night
We'll sing this Snow shoe song.
Just step into the trail
The President takes the lead
He tramps along at a good old rate
For 2.40 is his speed.

CHO.—Tramping boys, Tramping boys, &c.

Mishaps at times we meet
As o'er the snow we dash
Sometimes a strap we break
Or perhaps a shoe we smash,
Sometimes we get a spill
And away we sprawling lie
While up there goes a merry shout
From the fellows tramping bye.

CHO.—Tramping boys, Tramping boys, &c.

THE SNOW SHOER.

Upon his feet, the Snow Shoer hath bound
His shoe so fleet, and the merry sound
Of his shout, and his cheer
Ringing out, loud and clear
Tuneful cleaves the frosty air.
And with Snow Shoe gently dipping
O'er the snowy billows skipping
On for many a mile goes tripping
O'er the white crests soft and fair.

How swift he glides, how the wind doth blow
How fast he strides, o'er the beautiful snow
And away, without heed
Without stay, like a steed
Bounds along o'er hill and dale
And with snow shoe gently clashing
Thro' the brittle crystals crashing
O'er the pure white snow drifts dashing
Up the mountain, down the vale.

When the Frost King rides, on the Northern blast
And the snow flakes glide, swiftly and fast
With a leap, and a curl
And a sweep, and a twirl
O'er blanket coat and Tuque of Bleue
Then with snow shoe, swiftly striding
Swinging, swaying, slipping, sliding
O'er the sparkling snow flakes gliding

SNOW SHOE SONG.

By W. H. W.

Now we dash away through the crystal spray
And bound o'er the snow drifts lightly
Which in the gleam of the bright moonbeam
Sparkle like diamonds brightly.

CHORUS.—Now chant a Rhyme, while the words keep time
To the tramp of our swift Snow shoe
And we'll sing a song, as we march along
In praise of our old Tuque Bleue.

The moon is bright and our hearts are light
And a clear cold sky is o'er us
And we leave far behind the trackless wind
For the way is clear before us.

CHO.—Now chant a Rhyme, &e.

Oh the merry rhymes of these joyous times
Are sung by the wild wind o'er us
Through the Pines so staid, comes a gay serenade
For the north wind blows the chorus.

CHO.—Now chant a Rhyme, &c.

Then sing to-night, for our hearts are light
And we feel not a pang of sorrow
For happy is he, whose thoughts are free
From care of or aught to-morrow.

CHO.—Now chant a Rhyme, &c.

As we pass thro' life, mid the world's harsh strife
Let every season find us
On the road to fame, with a steadfast aim
To leave a noble name behind us.

CHO.—Now chant a Rhyme, &c.

And when at last, these days are past
And old age comes on apace
We will ponder o'er, the days of yore
When on Snow shoes we could race.

CHO.—Now chant a Rhyme, &c.

OUR OLD CLUB "MONTREAL."

W. H. W.

Happy and joyous
Beaming each eye
Cares all forgotten
Banished each sigh.
Blend each lusty voice in song
The chorus quickly pass along
Ring it out boys loud and strong
For our old Club Montreal.

CHORUS.—Let the swelling chorus ring
To the winds all care we fling
While a song in praise we'll sing
Of our old Club "Montreal."

Memories pleasant
Of many a day
Will linger with us
When old and gray.
Old scenes will flit before our eyes
Old memories before our minds arise
Of merry tramps neath starry skies
With the old Club "Montreal"

CHO.—Let the swelling chorus, &c.

CLUB SONG,—"ST. GEORGE" SNOW SHOE CLUB.

Written for its first President, Capt. Geo. Sully,

BY DR. W. GEO. BEERS, MONTREAL SNOW SHOE CLUB.

Air—Tramping through Georgia.

Strap the Snow Shoes on my boys, we'll have another run
Never was there on the earth a sport with so much fun
For with the frost and falling snow, our pleasures have begun
As we are tramping on Snow Shoes.

CHORUS.—Hurrah ! Hurrah ! it's jolly on the snow,
Hurrah ! Hurrah ! the stiffest storm may blow
But we face it with a will, that Snow Shoers only know
As we are tramping on Snow Shoes.

When the cold is nipping and the frost is on the pane
Then's the time you'll hear the hardy Snow Shoer's refrain
Other sports may lure him, but their tempting will be vain
As they are tramping on Snow Shoes.

CHO.—Hurrah ! Hurrah ! its jolly on the snow, &c.

If your over-worked or worried, if you're in the blues
Come and tramp it on the snow, upon the swift Snow Shoes
Then the troubles of your life will turn tail if you choose
As you are tramping on Snow Shoes.

CHO.—Hurrah ! Hurrah ! it's jolly on the snow, &c.

In a nation's pluck and prowess there's a mighty charm
To protect the honour of our flag and Queen from harm
So on the Snow Shoes we will train the sturdy limb and arm
As we are tramping on Snow Shoes.

CHO.—Hurrah ! Hurrah ! it's jolly on the snow, &c.

Ladies when you woo the winter under sun or moon
Never marry fop or fellow who would dare impune
Men who wear the Blanket coat, the white and purple tuque
As they are tramping on Snow Shoes.

CHO.—Hurrah ! Hurrah ! it's jolly on the snow, &c.

SEASON 1880 and 1881.

This season was a most successful one for the Club, both as regards the progress of the sport and in large additions to the membership.

ROLL OF MEMBERS.

This season shows a Roll of 394 members, not including 66 life members. The Treasurer's statement showed the very fair balance of $349.18 to the credit of the Club.

TRAMPS.

The first tramp on snow shoes took place about 24th November; the last, on 2nd March, 1881. There were three postponements on account of unfavorable weather. The average attendance at these tramps was (51) fifty-one.

The largest muster (200) two hundred, being the occasion of the Mountain Steeple Chase.

The Saturday afternoon tramps numbered only six. Sault aux Recollect was visited (3) three times, St. Laurent (2) twice, Lachine (1) once.

Christmas, New Year's and the number of races held during the close of the season served to operate against the tramp days.

The average attendance at these tramps was

twenty-five, (25), with thirty-seven (37) at the largest muster.

A pleasing feature of the Season was the union tramp of the St. George and Montreal Clubs to the Back River (Peloquin's), when a very pleasant time was spent.

OBITUARY.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL,
HENRY M. BECKET,
S. A. MALTBY,
R. McGILL STEWART.

During this season it was the sad duty of the Club to follow to their last resting place, four of the members of the Club, Messrs. W. Campbell, a life member, H. M. Becket, until late years an active member, S. A. Maltby, and R. McGill Stewart.

On Saturday, 9th July, 1881, while practicing at the Rifle Butts, Point St. Charles, Mr. S. A. Maltby was accidentally shot dead. He was an athlete of much promise, and had won prizes for walking, at our sports.

Being a member of the Victoria Rifles he was buried with military honours, a large number of the Club attending.

We also deplore the early fate of Mr. Robert McGill Stewart. He lost his life, while bathing at Ocean Spray beach, near Boston, Massachusetts, on the 21st August, 1881, aged twenty-six years and 8 months, and was at the time of his death, Secretary of the Club. He was a very popular member, a fine athlete, and a genial companion. One of our most active members, his laughing face will long be missed at the tramps he loved so well. He was an enthusiastic lover of athletics, and was among our foremost athletes.

Holding a commission as Lieutenant in the Montreal Troop of Cavalry he was buried with military honours, the Club, as well as a large number of the St. George Club, attending in a body. The funeral was a large one, testifying to the respect in which the deceased was held; and as the last echo of the three volleys fired over his grave died away, many among the mourners felt that it would be long ere poor "Bob's" handsome face and hearty laugh would be forgotten.

ROLL OF CLUBS.

The Montreal, St. George, Emerald, Independent and Le Canadien, still maintained their efficiency, while new associations were formed in the city and

elsewhere in the Province, among them appeared the "Albert" Club, formed by the employees of Messrs. Thos. May & Co., (Dry Goods) Senior School, (Haight) Napoleon, (St. Cunigonde) Grand Rouge, (St. Henri) Victoria and Argyle, both of Point St. Charles, Club Levis, Dolly Varden, High School, Clip Belle, Castor, and one at Freleighsburg, Que.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

On 20th June, 1881, the Club, in conjunction with the Lacrosse and Bicycle Clubs, was incorporated by Act of Provincial Parliament under the name of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association, thus giving the Association the power of acquiring the property of the late Montreal Gymnasium Corporation. This magnificent property was transferred to the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association on condition that they assume the debts due by the Corporation and not exceeding $13,000. This was accepted by the Association, and it is now, we might say, the virtual owners of the splendid building, with the furniture and apparatus therein.

RACES.

Annual and Supplementary Races were held by the Montreal and St. George Clubs and the Wind-

sor Hotel Company. The first two Clubs' races took place on the Montreal Lacrosse ground, while the Windsor Hotel Company held their races on the Dominion Square opposite the Hotel.

Out of (17) seventeen open events during these meetings, (14) fourteen were won by the "Montreal" Club.

INCIDENTS.

During the Season, a very successful Entertainment of a dramatic character, was given in the Academy of Music by the St. George Club. The piece played was "a Winter's night," written for the occasion by Mr. Frederick Colson, Dramatic Critic of the "Gazette." The proceeds $609.10 were handed to the Montreal General Hospital.

Several entertainments by the members of the "Montreal" Club were given in the Gymnasium Hall of the Club House. The programme consisted of singing and Instrumental music, with Gymnastic exhibitions. They were very successful, both artistically and financially.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Montreal Snow Shoe Club took place in the Club House, on Wednesday evening, 10th November, 1880. The President

Mr. Angus Grant, in the chair. There was a large attendance of members.

The Secretary read a very encouraging report of the past season's work. Allusion was made to the loss the Club had sustained in the deaths of Messrs. William Campbell and Harry M. Becket, and it was decided that a memorial page in the printed Report be dedicated to their memory.

The Treasurer's Report was read and adopted.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing season :

ANGUS GRANT,—*President*, unanimously,
A. W. STEVENSON,—*1st Vice-President*, "
R. D. MCGIBBON, B.A. B.C.L.—*2nd* do "
R. MCGILL STEWART,—*Secretary*, "
H. WYLIE BECKET,—*Treasurer*.

Messrs. Geo. R. Starke, R. A. Becket, Fred. McIndoe, Thos. L. Paton, William Aird, Samuel M. Baylis and A. O. Weaver—Committee.

"MONTREAL" (green)
MOUNTAIN STEEPLE CHASE.

The Annual green mountain steeple chase of the Montreal Club, took place over the usual course on Wednesday evening, 22nd December, 1880. The night was fine.

The eight (8) competitors were drawn up at the College gates, and sharp on time were sent off by the starter, Mr. Angus Grant, Messrs. H. W. Becket and Angus Grant, acted as time-keepers. The following were the winners:

D. D. McTaggart,—first, time, 23.26.
Thos. L. Paton, second, " 23.49.
George L. Sait, third, " 24.10.
Norman Fletcher,—fourth, " 24.20.

John Paterson threw a shoe and was out of the race at the Pines. Field broke his shoe in the cemetery, which accident deprived him of a good place at the finish.

The first prize, silver cup, donated by Mr. W. B. Craig was presented to the winner by Lt.-Col. E. A. Whitehead.

The second prize, gold medal, was presented by Col. Ora. P. Patten, and the third, a bijou clock, by Mr. A. W. Stevenson.

"EMERALD" CLUB (handicap) STEEPLE CHASE.

The Annual Club handicap Mountain Steeple Chase of the Emerald Club, took place on Monday evening, 10th January, 1881, from the McGill College gates to Lumpkin's Hotel.

The track was heavy. There were six competitors, who arrived in following order.

J. P. Tansey, (4m) time, 22 m. 45 sec.
T. E. McKenna, (2m) " 23 m. 15 sec.
J. R. Callahan, (4m) " 23 m. 45 sec.
Joseph Boyle, (scratch) " 25 m.

J. Martin, (scratch) and T. Jubin, (4m) came in later, but no time was credited them.

Times given, include handicap.

The prizes, a silver cup, set of sleeve links and shirt studs, and a gold pencil were presented during the evening at the Hotel.

TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION AT QUEBEC.

On Tuesday evening, 11th January, 1881, the "Levis" Club crossed over to Quebec, and escorted by the Waverly Club of Quebec, bearing torches and escorted by a Band, tramped the principal Streets of the city, and then out to the Club House at Beauport, where they sat down to discuss an admirable dinner.

"MONTREAL" CLUB, ANNUAL STEEPLE CHASE.

The Annual Club Mountain Steeple Chase of the "Montreal" came off on Wednesday evening, 12th

January, 1881, over the usual course. The night was beautiful and the track in fine condition. The Club turned out in large numbers, some 200 being present, besides a large number of the members of other City Clubs. Messrs. A. W. Stevenson and R. D. McGibbon, acted as Judges, and Messrs. Angus Grant and H. W. Becket, as timekeepers. There were fourteen (14) competitors and the winners as follows :

Thomas L. Paton,	time—	19 m. 12½ sec.
D. D. McTaggart,	"	19 m. 33½ sec.
E. H. Hanna,	"	19 m. 50½ sec.
G. L. Sait,	"	20 m. 9½ sec.
T. F. Field,	"	20 m. 47½ sec.
C. J. Patton,	"	21 m. 15½ sec.
Fred. McIndoe,	"	21 m. 34 sec.

W. McNab came in by the Road.

At the cemetery "Tommy" Paton and McTaggart led the field, although up to that point the distance between the four leaders was not great.

The prizes were the President's medal, gold scarf pin, Bronze inkstand, silver sleeve links, silver solitaire, and silver pencil case—and were presented to the winners by Major Hartland MacDougall, A. W. Stevenson, R. D. McGibbon and the President.

The last man in, Mr. McIndoe, was presented "as the papers had it" with a cup or mug, of rare and rich design, from a well known factory. Its intrinsic value was not much, but its usefulness could not be over-rated on certain occasions. He was loudly cheered on receiving so useful a prize.

The evening was passed in the usual way, songs, dances and speeches following each other in quick succession.

"INDEPENDENT" CLUB STEEPLE CHASE.

The Annual (green) Mountain Steeple Chase of the Independent Club took place on Monday evening, 17th January, 1881. There were seven competitors.

W. J. Cleghorn, first
N. Leduc, second.
George A. Baillie, third.

CONCERT BY MONTREAL SOCIAL CLUB.

Some members of the Montreal Social Snow Shoe Club gave a Concert, about the 14th January, 1881, in Point Fortune, on behalf of the funds of the St. Columba Presbyterian Church of that place. The Concert was quite a success and added a considerable amount to the funds of the church.

BROKERS' BOYS' STEEPLE CHASE.

The Brokers' boys had a Steeple Chase over the Mountain to Prendergast's, about the 18th January, 1881. There were twelve (12) competitors.

Thomas McAnulty, first, prize, silver watch.
W. T. Rodden, second.
S. Waldron, third.
Mr. Joseph Sorley acted as Referee.

"ST. GEORGE" CLUB, ANNUAL STEEPLE CHASE.

The Annual Mountain Steeple Chase of the "St. George" Club, took place on Tuesday evening 25th January, 1881.

At the hour advertized for the start there was a very large turn out of members sporting the purple and white tuque at the McGill College gates. At a quarter past eight the starter, Mr. Fred. Henshaw, got the men in line and shortly afterwards the fourteen competitors were sent off well together. Bowden led off with Wallace, Roy and Kavanagh well on his heels. The pace was a very hot one, and on McTavish Hill the leader was passed by Wallace, who held the lead until the gully was reached. At this point, Lamothe, who had been running with great judgment, came to the front and

lead the rest of the way. In the cemetery, Wallace, who had been running a good second, was passed by Kavanagh, who, in his turn, gave place to Roy. The arrivals at the winning post were in the following order :—

1st, C. Lamothe, 22.44.
2nd, Geo. Roy, 23.55.
3rd, A. Kavanagh, 24.00.
4th, J. Wallace, 24 45.
5th, J. C. Bowden, 26.20.
6th, Grant Ferrier, 27.10.

The time was good considering that the track was drifted over to the depth of a couple of feet in some places, this, combined with the darkness, made the running very severe.

After the race the members and friends of the Club to the number of over 150, adjourned to Prendergast's, where the rest of the evening was passed in regular snow shoers' style, dancing, singing, bouncing, etc.

Among those present were, Messrs. A. Grant, of the Montreal Club, Col. E. A. Whitehead, Montreal Lacrosse Club, F. Potter and Van Wycke of New York, and Capt. R. Kane. These gentlemen presented the prizes at a later period of the evening.

"LE CANADIEN" CLUB STEEPLE CHASE.

The Annual Steeple Chase of this Club took place on Thursday evening, 27th January, 1881, over the usual track. There were seven (7) competitors, who arrived in following order.

A. Deslaurier, F. Desroches, Joseph Deslaurier, T. B. Ostell, Thomas Bell, A. Lussier, W. Pillotte.

"HYGIENIC" CLUB STEEPLE CHASE.

The first Annual Steeple Chase of this Club, over the Mountain course took place on Monday evening, the 14th of February, 1881, the winners being as follows:

J. Steel, first—silver medal.
J. Y. Roy, second, do
F. Lantier, third, do
J. D. Davison, fourth, silver ring.

LEVIS SNOW SHOE CLUB.

The Annual Races of the Levis Club of Levis, Que., took place on Saturday, 5th of February 1881, on the ice opposite the town. The day was fine and there was a large assembly present. Mr. Norman Fletcher of the "Montreal" Club was present and carried off the 100 yards, half mile and one mile races.

The following were the events and the winners.

HALF MILE RACE—open to Garrison and Police, Government pattern Snow Shoes. There were three entries, and prizes were won by the following :

Calcroft ($4), Dufresne ($3), Walmsley ($2).

THREE QUARTER MILE RACE—Club — 1st prize, gold medal, presented by F. B. Howard, Esq., Hon. Vice-President of the Club. There were three contestants. Messrs. Monk, Wurtele and Cass, who finished in the order named.

100 YARDS RACE, heats,—open—prize, silver medal—presented by H. A. Bliss, Esq. There were four competitors. Hawkins, won the first heat, N. Fletcher, of Montreal, falling. Fletcher won the second heat easily. In the third heat Fletcher claimed a foul, and the Judges instead of sustaining same, ordered another heat to be run, which Fletcher won easily.

HALF MILE, Boys' race, under 15 years,—1st prize, silver watch, presented by L. F. Marquette, Esq. 2nd prize, pair of Snow Shoes, presented by James C. Patterson, Esq. Third prize, scarf pin. There were six competitors, and the winners—G. Martineau, R. Clark and Moreau. F. Coutre, Moreau and Kavanagh, being in the beaten field.

QUARTER MILE—open,—prize, Silver Claret Pitcher, presented by Hon. J. G. Blanchet. Three competitors appeared, two falling out shortly after, leaving Mr. S. Piton an easy winner,—time 1 m. 22 sec.

ONE MILE RACE, Club cup,—Messrs. Monk and Cummings, were the competitors, the latter led for about three quarters of a mile, when Monk cut him down and won easily, time, 7 m. 20 sec.

QUARTER MILE, Boys' race, under 12 years,—1st prize, pair of Snow Shoes, presented by Messrs. G. R. Renfrew & Co. 2nd prize, silver sleeve links. 3rd, a gold pencil. There were six competitors, and the prizes were captured by Clarke, Cass and Guennette.

HALF MILE, open,—1st prize, silver cigar stand, presented by Hon. E. T. Paquet, second prize, silver medal, presented by the Sec-Treasurer, Mr. McKenna. There were three entries, Messrs: Fletcher, of Montreal, Messervey of Quebec, and Cass of Levis. Cass fell out after first lap, leaving Messervey to the tender mercy of Fletcher, who took no compassion on him, running in an easy winner in 2 m. 55 s.

HALF MILE, green, Club race, in uniform—1st prize, silver ice pitcher and tray, presented by T. D. Shipman, Esq. The entries were Messrs. Bliss, Marchessault, Tinker, Radford and Drowin.

Tinker won first prize, Bliss second—time 3 m. 33 sec.

ONE MILE, OPEN RACE—first prize, gold medal, presented by the President, L, C. Hamel, Esq., and the second, a silver medal, presented by A. Russell, Esq. The competitors were Messrs. Fletcher of Montreal, Wurtele and White.

Fletcher won easily, Wurtele second,—time 6 m. 42 sec.

SPECIAL BOYS RACE, boys under 10 years of age—five prizes valued at $10, presented by A. Gregory, Esq. There were five competitors—and winners turned up in Corger, Callaghan and Maloney.

CONSOLATION RACE brought four runners to the post, and prizes were won by Cass, White and Derwan.

Hon, Mr. Paquet presented the prizes after the races to the successful competitors.

Timekeeper, F, B. Howard, Esq,

SENIOR SCHOOL CLUB STEEPLE CHASE.

The Senior School Club (Haight's) held its Mountain Steeple Chase about the 7th February, 1881. There were fifteen competitors. The competition was keen and prizes won by the following :

A. McNaughton, prize presented by Mr. C. Ashford,
N. Connor, prize presented by Dawson Bros.
A. McNally, prize presented by Mr. F. S. Haight.
Geo. Inglis, prize presented by Mr. R. S. Weir.
F. Nivin, prize presented by Wm. Drysdale & Co.

A special prize was presented to Master Hendrie, who brought up the rear in a gallant manner.

THE MONTREAL SOCIAL SNOW SHOE CLUB CONCERT AT WILLIAMSTOWN, ONT.

This Club gave a Concert in the Lecture Hall of the St. Andrews' Church, Williamstown, Ont ,about 16th February, 1881, in aid of the Building Fund of the new Lodge Room of Lancaster Lodge, No. 207, A. F. and A. M. which proved a decided success. Mr. Charles Lavalee's solo on the Cornet, Mr. Charles Reichling's violin solo and the singing of Mr. James Wilson, were the features of the evening.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the Club at the close of the entertainment.

HARDWARE FIRMS EMPLOYEES' STEEPLE CHASE.

The Steeple Chase over the Mountain Course by the employees of the Wholesale Hardware Firms of this City, took place Friday evening, 18th February, 1881, and resulted as follows :

W. Elliott, (Crathern & Caverhill) first
J. McLeod, (Benny, McPherson & Co.) second,
Robert Starke, do do third.

The first and second medals were of gold, and the third of silver.

Mr. Chas. McQuire who came in last, was presented with a leather medal in the shape of a padlock, the staple of which bore the motto "*Nil desperandum.*"

After the competitors arrived, the whole fraternity, numbering in all about (60) sixty, sat down to supper.

MOUNTAIN STEEPLE CHASES OF ALBERT CLUB.

The Annual Steeple Chase of this Club, which was formed of Messrs. T. May & Co's. employees, took place over the Mountain to Lumkin's, on Friday evening, 18th February, 1881.

The winners of prizes being Messrs. J. Boyle,

W. Patrick, C. Bardorff, E. Mathiers, G. Maynard, J. Clark and Geo. Woodhouse.

There were sixteen (16) competitors, and the prizes were gold and silver medals, Dressing case, Cruet stand, Silver mounted pipe, Silver mug, running shoes, and the last man in, Mr. J. K. Shea, was presented with a leather medal.

BOY'S RACE

On 13th February, 1881, the boys of the above Club had a steeple chase over same track when

Joseph Lawrencelle won the first prize, and
Thomas Bielby the second

FIRST ANNUAL RACES OF THE ST. GEORGE CLUB.

The first Annual Meeting took place on the Montreal Lacrosse Ground, on Saturday afternoon February 19th, 1881. The weather was glorious, the attendance one of the largest ever seen on the grounds, the events well contested, and the success of the Club's representatives most gratifying. The programme was well arranged and admirably carried out, though some amongst the spectators would have liked to have seen a hundred yards or

a hurdle race included in it. The first race was started at time announced, no delay occurred between the subsequent ones—a fact for which the officials were due the thanks of all present. The greatest interest centred in the open race for the Hogan cup, in which the St. George champion Lamothe, met the hitherto invincible Starke of the Montreal Club, and after a good contest in which, however, he seemed to have his opponent well in hand all through, won by 19 seconds, coming in at the end with lots left in him. Lamothe also carried off the two mile club cup, beating Maclaine who was a good second. The quarter mile green was especially exciting at the close, when a splendid struggle between Bolton and Paterson, was won by the latter, who came in only a foot ahead. The one mile green, open, brought to the scratch a regular string, all but one, members of the Montreal Club, St. George being without a representative. It was finally left to three or four, and of these McTaggart, running with great judgment, came in first with Patton close behind him. Great amusement was caused by the special race for Indian boys, the youngster who won, the smallest of the crowd, ran capitally and was deservedly cheered.

The meeting was in every way a success.

Among those present on the Judges' stand was Mr. S. S. Cummins, formerly a leading member of the Club, and now President of an organization bearing a similar name in Winnipeg. The officials were as follows :—

Hon-Stewards—Sir Hugh Allan, Judge Monk, Messrs. F. W. Henshaw, H. Hogan and W. B. Simpson.

Judges—Messrs. S. S. Cummins, R. M. Esdaile and Col. Stevenson.

Starter—Mr. D. S. McIntyre.

Time-keeper—Mr. S. Howard.

The general management was in the hands of Mr. F. C. Henshaw. the President, and the officers of the club. The following is a list of the various events and the winners :—

TWO MILE INDIAN,—prizes, $8, $5, $3 and $1. First, J. Lefebvre, 12 m. 50 sec. second, B. Daillebout, 13 m. third, Keroniare, 13 m. 20 sec.

TWO MILE, open,—First, "Hogan" cup, to be won twice before becoming property of winner. C. Lamothe, "St. George" time, 13 m. 35 sec. second, Geo. R. Starke, "Montreal" gold medal, 13 m. 54 sec. 3 competitors.

QUARTER MILE, boys under 15. First, silver medal.—A. McNaughton, 1 m. 24½ sec. second, gold studs, T. McAnulty, 1 m. 25 sec. 7 competitors.

ONE MILE, club,—1st prize, gold medal. Geo. Roy, first; A. Kavanagh, second. An easy victory for Roy.

HALF MILE, open,—First, gold medal. Geo. Corcoran (Montreal) time, 2 m. 55½ sec. second, silver medal. J Laing, time, 2 m. 58 sec.

QUARTER MILE, green, open,—First, gold medal. J. Paterson, (Montreal) time, 1 m. 17 sec. second, silver medal. J. Bolton, (St, George) time, 1 m. 17 1-5 sec.

TWO MILE, club,—First, Club cup. C. Lamothe, 13 m. 34 sec. second, medal. George Maclaine, 13 m. 38 sec.

ONE MILE, green, open,—First, silver cup. D. D. McTaggart, (Montreal) time, 6 m. 26½ sec. second, Chas. J. Patton, (Montreal) time, 6 m. 29½ sec.

HALF MILE, green, club,—First, gold medal. J. Bolton, 3 m. 4 sec. second, silver medal. K. Matthews, 3 m. 6 sec.

MONTREAL CLUB'S ANNUAL RACES.

The Annual Race meeting of the Montreal Snow Shoe Club, took place on Saturday afternoon, February 26th, 1881, under particularly favorable circumstances, the weather being very fine and the track in splendid condition. The attendance was the largest, probably, this event ever drew together. The races were to have been held on Saturday, the 12th of February, but owing to bad weather, were postponed; and this fact, with certain results at the intervening Race meeting, that of the "St. George"

Club, seemed to have increased the general interest. Good time was made, that for the club cup, two miles, being the fastest on record for that trophy, justly earning a hearty round of applause for the winner McTaggart. The "mile" was expected to produce a splendid contest between Lamothe of the "St. George" and Starke of the "Montreal," but the latter did not start and Lamothe had matters pretty much his own way.

The races were well contested. The events were started punctually and all the arrangements were admirably carried out, the officials being as follows:

Hon. Stewards—His Worship the Mayor, Dr. Hingston, Messrs. Thos. White, M.P., F. C. Henshaw, H. A. Nelson, M. P.P., and Major Hartland MacDougall.

Judges—Messrs. C. P. Davidson, Q. C., W. L. Maltby and Lt.-Col. E. A. Whitehead.

Time-keepers—Messrs. Angus Grant and Hugh W. Becket.

Starter—Mr. D. E. Bowie.

The following were the results of the various events:—

TWO MILES, Indian.—First, John Lefebvre, 11 m. 46⅕s. second, Baptiste Daillebout, 11 m. 56 sec. (who ran 1st mile in 5.36.) Ockhart, third. M. Daillebout, fourth.

ONE MILE, open.—First, Chas. Lamothe, "St. George" time, 5 m, 56½ sec. second, T. L. Paton, time, 6 m. 01½s. Lamothe led all the way.

ONE HUNDRED YARDS DASH, open—First heat.—First, W. R. Thompson, (M) time, 12⅝ sec. second, J. Bolton, (St. George). Second heat—First, Bolton, second, W. Aird, Final heat—First, Bolton, 12⅜ sec. second, Thompson.

TWO MILES, club cup.—First, D. D. McTaggart, 12 m. 19⅛ sec. second, C. J. Patton, 13 m. The winner's first mile was done in 6.04.

QUARTER MILE, boys under 15 years.—Dead heat between W. J. Greer and H. Patton, time, 1 m. 26½ sec. On the tie being run off Greer won as he liked.

QUARTER MILE, open.—First, G. F. Corcoran, (M) time, 1 min. 10 sec. second, T. Davidson made a plucky spurt coming up the hill, and on the home stretch the race was exciting, but Corcoran kept the lead and won by three yards.

HALF MILE, club, (green), in uniform.—First, J. Paterson, (M) time, 2 m. 51 sec. second, C. J. Patton, (M) 2 m. 56 s.

HALF MILE, open.—First, N. Fletcher, (M) time, 2 min. 49 sec. George Roy, (St. G.) stopped after running 300 yds.

120 YARDS HURDLES, in heats.—First, T. L. Paton, (M) second, G. S. Hubbell, (M).

THE ANNUAL DINNER.

The annual dinner was held in the evening, at the St. Lawrence Hall. Some hundred and ten members and guests being present. The bill of fare

was in the Hall's well-known style, the tables were prettily ornamented and the attendance was particularly good.

Mr. Angus Grant, President, occupied the chair, supported by Mr. N. H. Hughes, the Hon. President, Mr. Thomas White, M.P., Dr. Hingston, Lieut.-Col, Whitehead, Mr. W. L. Maltby and others. The 1st Vice chair was occupied by Mr. A. W. Stevenson. beside whom sat Mr. J. G. Monk, 1st Vice-President of the St. George Club, and Col. O. P. Patten; and the second by Mr. R. D. McGibbon, with whom were Mr. D. Stevenson, Vice-President of the Independent, Major Hartland Macdougall and Mr. William Angus. The *recherche* banquet having been done full justice to, the Chairman proposed the toast of "Her Majesty," which was received with the usual loyal enthusiasm, and followed by a true Canadian snowshoers "God save the Queen."

That of "the Governor-General and Dominion of Canada" was then given by the 1st Vice-Chairman, who alluded to the interest both the late and present Governor-Generals have evinced in winter sports, and expressed the hope that next year they might have His Excellency present with them.

Mr. Maltby having sung in capital style "To the West," "the Army, Navy and Volunteers" was

proposed in fitting terms by the Hon-President, and was followed by the song "Red, White and Blue."

Lt.-Col. Whitehead in responding for the Volunteers, delivered a caustic speech in which he referred in sarcastic terms to the treatment the force received at the hands of the city, especially with regard to the Drill Shed. He strongly denounced the behaviour of the authorities and condemned the proposal to break up the Champ de Mars.

Major Macdougall also replied briefly.

"Our Winter Sports" proposed by the Chairman, was drunk with Highland honors, and Messrs. Maltby and Whyte sang the snow shoe song "Tramp, Tramp, on snow shoes tramping."

Mr. R. D. McGibbon in responding said

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,—The toast of "Our Winter Sports" has been received with an enthusiasm which does not appear unnatural when we consider that those who have drunk it so heartily, are all more or less aware of the delights and pleasures of the amusements in which we are wont to indulge during our winter season. It is rather a difficult task, you will allow, for a speaker to be called upon to dilate upon a subject with which his audience is perfectly familiar, or to point out beauties and pleasures which his hearers have themselves discerned, and whose existence no one is inclined to dispute. Those who are unacquainted with

the real nature of a Canadian winter, might be inclined to imagine that a period of some five or six months of perpetual ice and snow, when rivers are frozen and the thermometer almost invariably below freezing point, would be the dullest of the year, and a season of dreary and monotonous gloom for the inhabitants of the country afflicted with such uninviting inclemency. Nor would such an assumption be unreasonable; for in most of the countries of the globe, winter has always been regarded as the least enjoyable of the seasons, and whilst millions and millions of poems—some of them, it is true, unappreciated—have been written of the "balmy spring;" whilst thousands of bards have sung of summer and its genial clemency; and hundreds have composed odes to the gorgeous autumn, but few have been inspired by the muse to tune their lyres or strike their harps to winter and its glories. I purposely omit all mention of a poem entitled "Beautiful Snow" which I believe was once written, but not having had the pleasure of meeting with it, I am not aware in what light the writer viewed the subject. Read the poetry of almost every nation and you will see that I am right in making this assertion. In fact, winter is held in most places to be synonymous with storm and tempest, hurricanes, the chills and discomforts generally; Lucretius associates winter with nothing better than the toothache; which shows what that gentleman thought of the season. Now in Canada we have changed all that, and I am sure you will agree with me that from the *habitant* in the rural *paroisse* to the wealthy denizens of the city, all Canadians thoroughly enjoy our winter. The snow may be deep and the roads heavy, but we have sleighs and snow-shoes; the weather may be cold, but our houses are well built, well heated, and

we know how to clothe ourselves at once warmly and becomingly. This, however, would be rather a negative way of demonstrating the pleasures of winter, and would be very similar to my bestowing encomiums on poison by asserting the efficacy of the antidote. Winter, however, has its positive qualities, and it is of these I would speak. L'Abbé Raynal, who wrote many years ago, said of our climate that it had a thousand wild graces, far superior to the artificial beauties of his own country, he affirmed that here the imagination of a painter or a poet would be raised, animated and filled with those ideas which leave a lasting impression on the mind, and he adds that our country exhales an air fit to prolong life, and that our climate lost nothing of its wholesomeness by the severity of a long and intense winter. Moreover, he ascribes the stoicism, endurance and bravery of the aborigines, and, if I am not mistaken, the fecundity of their women to the bracing atmosphere of the frosty Canadian season. If the Abbé was mistaken in the latter particular, Dr. Hingston will, I am sure, correct him. Enough, however, of the season itself. Its glories from a climatic point of view must be admitted. What of its adjuncts, our winter sports?—and first as to snow-shoeing. A snowshoe is composed—but everybody know what it is. In the backwoods, and on rare occasions in the settled districts it is an article of necessity; with us it is an aid to enjoyment. Could I hope adequately to portray to the minds of those who have never enjoyed a snow-shoe tramp the magnificent exercise and healthy sport, for the practice of which our club has been formed these nine and thirty years. I should begin by endeavoring to describe one of our Wednesday evening tramps across the mountain. We meet at our

club house in picturesque costume of blanket coat an knickerbockers, red sash, scarlet stockings, moccasins and *tuque bleue*. At the word of command from the President we fall into line, and in Indian file begin the ascent of the mountain at a stiff and steady pace. We climb up Mactavish Street, and skirt along the park boulevard, pausing a moment to gaze upon the magnificent view which the city spread out at our feet presents, with its myriad lights in all sorts of fantastic and irregular constellations, flickering more or less brightly and contrasting with the sombre or perhaps beautifully frosted buildings. The view affords plenty of food for contemplation, but our leader's voice is heard enquiring if all are up, and our physical energies absorb all our attention. Leaving the boulevard we plunge into the forest and are still climbing; up! up! up! 'neath the leafless maples and the naked elms; not a sound is heard save the regular tramp of the toilers, the peculiar grating of the shoes, or the heavy breathing of some novice or old stager. In a few minutes we are at "the pines," a magnificent knot of trees, sacred in the eyes of all snowshoers as the grove of a deity to the Romans, and perhaps

> "The moon, refulgent lamp of night,"
> O'er Heaven's clear azure spreads her sacred light,
> And not a breath, disturbs the deep serene,
> And not a cloud overcasts the solemn scene.

and the fields stretching in front are "twinkling with a silver glitterance," as Southey has it. A halt is called, a loose shoe is fastened on, a sash made tight, the men number off, the whipper-in assures the leader that the men are "all up," and away across the open we go, at a rattling pace of four miles an hour. We come shortly to the little thicket, so

well known by all snowshoers, and thread our way through its labyrinthine intricacies, emerging a field or two off the Roman Catholic cemetery. Through the silent city of the dead, past the great vaults and the stately monuments, we tramp, bestowing a thought upon the rude forefathers of the hamlet, over whose ashes they stand ; the lights of the little village of Cote de Neiges soon appear, and as we all have our second wind, the President breaks into a sharp trot, and we follow, until within a short distance of Prendergast's, that famous asylum for snowshoers, the leader cries "tally ho!" and all are off at full speed, each one anxious to be first in. Soon all are up and in the hotel, warm and perspiring, but feeling "awfully good." We brush the snow from off our persons, hang up our snowshoes and coats, light our pipes and are ready to enjoy the evening's entertainment. It is not in my province to recount the details of the fun ; enough to say we invariably have a good time, with the merry song and jovial chorus, led perhaps by our Honorary President, who may be present ; with the dance and its queer and frantic revelry, interspersed with the *piquant* anecdote and mild recitation, till supper, a plain and frugal meal, is announced—once for all. Then, more songs and dances until ten o'clock when we join in "God save the Queen," don our harness and shoes and begin the tramp home. Back across the mountain in fast time, soon we see the city again from the commanding eminence of the mountain's summit, and after a rapid descent we are in the streets of the town, feeling as only snowshoers can feel after a tramp, ready to appreciate the delicious sleep which our exercise has induced, and sure to rise in the morning with fresh vigor and strength. I would like to refer to the tramps across country which the

club takes on Saturday afternoons, visiting in succession Sault au Recollet, St. Laurent, Lachine and the other surrounding villages, but time will not permit it. I can only commend them to you as worthy a trial. Altogether snowshoeing is a glorious sport, and the young men of this city at least—yea, and the old men and maidens too—are by no means unaware of its excellencies. They will reap their reward in the future. To snowshoers the lines of Wordsworth might be addressed :

"Thy thoughts and feelings shall not die,
"Nor leave thee when grey hairs are nigh
"A melancholy slave,
"But an old age serene and bright,
"And lovely as a Lapland night,
"Shall lead thee to thy grave."

I have said that snowshoeing is the chief of our winter sports, but it is by no means the only one. Who can describe the pleasures of tobogganing, whether enjoyed by the rustic school boy on his primitive imitation made of two or three staves of a barrel fastened together, or practised by the wealthy on their cushioned toboggans made of birch, upon a carefully kept hill ! The feeling experienced in descending a *cote*, bounding over the unyielding snow, at lightning speed is indescribable, and when to the pleasures of the sport itself there is added the not unfrequent presence of the fair sex, it would baffle the temerity of the boldest to attempt a word picture of the sensation. Skating too, though not a peculiarly Canadian sport, is enjoyed here as nowhere else, and the phrase which Lord Dufferin applied to it on a certain memorable occasion is admittedly apposite. He said it was the true "poetry of motion" of which professors of æsthetics

speak—and it is. The graceful gliding of a skater waltzing, figuring or dancing the lancers, as they do, upon the frozen river or enclosed rink, "needs to be seen to be appreciated," in the words of the newspaper advertisement. Then again we have curling, hockey on ice, or shinty on skates. They, too, need no praise or mention. I have not yet referred to sleigh driving, because I am in doubt whether it can be classed as a winter sport or not. That it is enjoyable is indubitable, and that it is enjoyed to perfection in Canada is equally true, but I am fearful of wearying you, and I must conclude without referring as I might, to the delicious sensation of a drive, perchance by the side of the girl you love, in a well-robed sleigh—drawn by a fleet horse—upon good roads—by moonlight such as the Canadians alone enjoy. I have said enough—very imperfectly I regret—to convince you if indeed you need conviction, that our winter season is one which has the most pleasurable accompaniments, and that our winter sports are not only enjoyable in themselves, but thoroughly appreciated by us Canadians. Others than ourselves have found out the pleasures of the season, and year by year numbers of our cousins from across the border visit us to participate in the pastimes which the season affords. I may be pardoned if I advert to the fact that this winter two New York gentlemen have been regular attendants on our tramps during their visit to this city, and their performances on these occasions were exceedingly creditable. Altogether our winter and its sports may well be honored with a toast, and perhaps in no small degree to them may be attributed the vigorous physiques which distinguish Canadian men and women all over the world. We have a glorious season, and in our efforts to enjoy it we benefit ourselves morally and

physically ; and we may, in the words of Horace, with slightly altered sense, enquire;

"Est ubi plus tepeant hiemes?"

Before sitting down I would ask your permission, Mr. President, to read a poem which, at my request, my esteemed friend, Mr. John Reade, has written for this occasion. Its elegant periods do honor to the genius of the gifted author.

POEM BY MR. JOHN READE.

"Happy in lot and worthy to be sung,
Is he who, strong of hand and swift of foot,
*By using well his gifts has won the prize."**

So sang the Bard when proud Hippocleas,
The Heraclide, had won the chariot race
On the Crissœan Plain. Ages have passed
Since Pindar, on his lyre, to Hellas' sons
Did honour. But his words are true to-day
For us who dwell in this far northern land
As when he walked about the streets of Thebes.

Gone are the glories of Olympia;
The athletes on the Isthmus meet no more;
Cleonæ's grove resounds not with the joy
Of valiant wrestlers, and Apollo hears
No more the prayers of ardent worshippers—
Their brows encircled with the laurel crown.

Yet still survives the spirit of the past ;
And from such azure skies as even Greece
Could not excel, the glowing sun, looks down
On scenes as gay as those of Altis grove,
When from where'er they spoke the Grecian tongue,
From isle and mainland, thronged the kindred hosts
To celebrate the great Olympic games.

Whether, in summer, on the level field,
Marshalled as friendly foes, we strive to urge
Homeward the much-sought ball with well-aimed crosse;

Or when stern winter reigns, o'er snowy waste
We tramp with cheerful hearts and joyous song;
Or, o'er the glassy surface of the ice
Sail, with the will for rudder, free as air:
No Greeks of Hellas were more proud than we
Of our Canadian land. What Grecian games
More fitted to develop the young frame,
To give it suppleness and fire and force,
Than our own aboriginal lacrosse,
The snowshoes and the skates? What finer sight
Can placid age or beauty's eye survey
Than the swift movements of the cricket field?
What firmer bulwarks can a nation have,
Than sons thus trained in eye, in foot, in hand,
In quick resource, in temper and in skill?
And he who has not felt his blood grow warm
As through the frozen woods he makes his way
O'er the deep snow which crisps beneath his feet.
Has missed no common joy, and little knows
The bliss our northern winter can bestow.

Oh! for a poet's pen to put in words
The scene of beauty when, some moonlit night
As on we march in pairs or Indian file,
The trees, arrayed in crystal panoply,
Welcome our tread with myriad fairy bells
That make the softest music! Overhead
The moon peers through the branches, as a veil
Of varying texture—maple, cedar, pine,
Now dimmed by filmy cloud, now shining clear,
But ever moving with us as we move.
Sometimes, as rapt in thought, we gaze on high,
A meteor flashes, or the northern lights,
Gorgeous in hue, fantastical in shape,
Attract the eye, and each one, as he reads,
Sees giants, ships or battles in the air.
Then, on a sudden, rises on the night
The song of the snowshoers—tramp, tramp, tramp.

Begun by one more lively than the rest,
But in succession taken up by all,
Till all the mountain is alive with song,
And timid tenants of the wood awake
And nestle close for fear. But on we march
In gallant order, at our captains lead,
Save when some luckless wight, unwatchful trips,
And plunges in vain efforts to arise
In his full harness. Over fence and stump,
Through grove and glade and undistinguished field,
We march, our feet and voices keeping time,
Until, we see the light in Prendergast's—
Our welcome goal.

[* Pind, Pyth X. 38.]

"Our Sister Clubs" proposed by the 1st Vice-Chairman was most heartily received.

Mr. J. G. Monk, 1st Vice-President of the St. George responded. After expressing regret at the unavoidable absence of Mr. F. C. Henshaw, the President, he referred to the pleasant relations that had always existed between the St. George and its mother club the Montreal, to which it would always look up with respect and affection. He also congratulated the club on the success of the meeting.

Mr. D. Stevenson, Vice-President of the Independent, replied on behalf of that club in similar terms and extended an invitation to the members of the parent Club to attend their annual steeple chase shortly to take place.

The Glee Club having sang "The Young Recruit."

"Our Stewards, Judges and Guests" was next given by the second Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Thos. White, M.P., in responding for the Stewards, expressed the pleasure it gave him to be once more present at this annual meeting, and remarked that not only had he come down from Ottawa for the purpose on this occasion, but had also done so on the day first named, on the bare possibility that, notwithstanding the weather, the races would be held. After speaking of the value of such sports as snowshoeing, in building up a sturdy manhood in our Dominion, he alluded to the high standard set on Canadians by Americans, mentioning that in a Committee of the House of Commons a few days since a witness had testified to the statement of an American emigration agent, that "he would rather have one Canadian than three of any other nationality." He spoke of the satisfactory positions achieved by Canadians wherever they may go, and ascribed much of the activity and go ahead character which marked them, to the tendency of their winter sports.

Dr. Hingston regretted that he had been unavoidably absent from the races. He testified to the merits of snowshoeing as a healthgiving institution, and with regard to what had been said concerning

the volunteers, remarked that during his tenure of the mayoralty he had always done everything that lay in his power to forward their interests.

Col. Patten, as a citizen of the Republic over the borders, was proud of his membership in the Montreal Club. In a brilliant address he acknowledged the value of such winter sports as obtained here,and concluded by expressing his great pleasure at being present.

"The Winners" was the next toast on the list, and the prizes were then presented, each recipient receiving a few words of congratulation from the gentlemen making the presentation, and one and all being enthusiastically applauded. The Chairman expressed regret at the absence of Mr. Lamothe, the winner of the "mile open," and called for three cheers for that gentleman which were given with a will.

After a stirring recitation by the second Vice-President, and a hunting song capitally sung by Major Macdougall, the second Vice-Chairman took occasion to allude to the success of "A Winter's Night," as recently presented by the St. George Snowshoe Club, and called for three cheers for the author of that sketch, which were heartily given.

"The Ladies" was replied to by Mr. D. E. Bowie

in an appropriate manner. "The Press" acknowledged by representatives of the *Herald and Gazette*, brought the list of toasts to an end, and shortly after the enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne," the Company separating a few minutes before midnight.

VICTORIA SKATING RINK.

The snow shoe race on the Ice at the Victoria Rink, took place on the evening of the Annual Games of the Skating Club. The distance was four times round the Rink.

A. E. McNaughton, first.
N. J. Fraser, second.
Alfred G. Gardner, third.

THE SECOND MOUNTAIN STEEPLE-CHASE OF "LE CANADIEN" CLUB.

The second Club Mountain Steeple chase of this Club, open to green runners, took place on Thursday evening, 3rd March, 1881.

A. Lussier, first, Silver Cup.
W. Pilotte, second, Meerschaum Pipe.
C. E. Dansereau, third, Briar Pipe.
J. O. Normand, fourth.

THE ANNUAL (CLUB) STEEPLE CHASE OF THE YOUNG OUTREMONT CLUB.

The Mountain Steeple Chase of this Club took place on Saturday afternoon, the 5th March, 1881. Eight (8) youths, all under 15 years of age, started prompt on time arriving at the winning post as follows :

Wm. Reid,	first.
D. Sprigings,	second.
Chas. Perry,	third.
Richard Sprigings,	fourth.

The prizes consisted of a silver cup, presented by Mr. W. A. Harper, a gold pencil and pen, presented by Mr. C. Riepert, a cut glass inkstand and silver snow shoe pin.

"MONTREAL" CLUB "WINDSOR CUP" RACES.

The Supplementary races of the "Montreal" Club were held on the Lacrosse Grounds, on Saturday afternoon March 5th, 1881.

There was a large attendance of spectators notwithstanding the wretched weather. The interest of the spectators was centred in the contest for the "Windsor cup." Messrs. Chas. Lamothe and Geo. R. Starke, having each won the "cup" once, it was a trial as to ownership, consequently both were

determined to put his best foot foremost to remain in possession of the splendid trophy.

The following gentlemen officiated as Honorary Stewards, His Honor Mayor Rivard, Messrs. W. H. Hingston, M. D., Thomas White, M.P., H. A. Nelson, M.P.P., F. C. Henshaw and Hartland MacDougall.

Messrs. C. Peers Davidson and Wm. L. Maltby, with Lieut. Col. E. A. Whitehead, acted as Judges.

Messrs. H. S. MacDougall, Angus Grant and H. W. Becket, acted as timekeepers, while Mr. D. E. Bowie, filled the office of starter.

The track was not in the best of condition

Punctually on time the Bell rang for the

QUARTER MILE DASH, open—1st prize, gold and silver medal, 2nd prize, gold scarf pin—5 competitors. Norman Fletcher, (M) first, time, 1.10¼. John Bolton, (St. G). second.

HALF MILE, GREEN, OPEN,—1st prize, gold and silver medal, 2nd prize, shirt studs—4 competitors. C. J. Patton, (M) first, time, 2.49. Thos. Moffatt, (G. T. B. C.) second.

100 YARDS DASH, HEATS, open—1st prize, silver cup,—7 competitors. W. R. Thompson, (M) first, time, 12 sec. W. D. Aird, (M) second,

120 YARDS, HURDLE RACE, OPEN, GREEN—1st prize, a gold and silver medal,—5 competitors. Lewis Skaife, first, Wm. D. Aird, second.

ONE MILE, open,—1st prize, "Windsor Cup" 2nd prize, gold medal—7 competitors. Messrs. Geo. R. Starke, D. D. McTaggart, Norman Fletcher and J. Paterson, represented the "Montreal," Messrs. Charles Lamothe and Geo. Maclaine, the "St. George" and Joseph Boyle, the "Emerald." At the start Lamothe led off followed closely by Starke, on the second lap McTaggart brushed for the lead, which he obtained, to hold for a brief space, when Lamothe once more went to the front. From this out he increased the pace finishing first, in six minutes and four seconds (6.04) with McTaggart second, five seconds behind, Starke third.

The Races concluded with the 150 yards dash, open only to veteran members weighing 170 lbs. and over.

This was the most exciting race of the day—*for the runners*, Messrs. C. Peers Davidson, E. A. Whitehead, Hartland McDougall and Angus Grant, started. Mr. McDougall finished after *walking* 25 yards—while the other three pushed manfully on, for the possession of the "silver beer mug"—Whitehead got a tumble and Davidson managed to beat Grant out by a short head.

The prizes were presented at the Club House.

THE WINDSOR HOTEL RACES.

The Snow Shoe Races, given under the auspices of the Windsor Hotel Company took place on Saturday afternoon, 12th March 1881, on Dominion Square. A track was laid out on the Square and was said to be a quarter of a mile round.

The Band of the Victoria Rifles was present.

The Committee was composed of Messrs. Hector MacKenzie, Hartland MacDougall, Wm. Clendinneng, F. C. Henshaw, S. C. Stevenson, with the gentlemen boarders in the Hotel.

Messrs. Col. E. A. Whitehead, Capt. R. Kane, Capt. Herriman, J. T. Shearer, H. S. MacDougall and S. C. Stevenson, were the Stewards.

Messrs. D. E. Bowie starter; H. W. Becket, timekeeper(no official time was taken, the course not being quite correct,) and Geo. Holliday, Secretary.

The following were the events with the winners;

ONE MILE, Indian Race,—1st prize, $7.00, 2nd prize, $3.00. John Lefevbre, first, Baptiste Daillebout, second, Bowie, third.

ONE MILE, open,—1st prize, gold medal, second prize, silver medal. C. J. Patton, (M) first, F. H. Field, second.

100 YARDS, HEATS. open,—1st prize, silver medal. W. R. Thompson, (M) first.

QUARTER MILE, open to Hotel employees only. 1st prize, silver medal, 2nd prize, silver medal. J. Brophy, first, J. J. McConniff, second.

HALF MILE, for Boys' under 14 years,—1st prize, silver medal, 2nd prize, silk muffler. C. B. Gordon, first, F. A. Rodden, second.

QUARTER MILE, HEATS, open,—1st prize, gold medal, 2nd prize, silver cup. Norman Fletcher, (M) first, Thos. Moffatt, (G.T.R.C.) second.

50 YARDS RELIEF RACE,—prizes, two handsome pipes. Alfred Gardner and B. Johnson, first, with R. Thomas and J. Matthews, second,

HALF MILE, Hotel employees,—1st prize, Case Champagne. F. H. Field first, R. H. Brand second.

QUARTER MILE, for boys under 10 years,—1st prize, pair snow shoes, 2nd prize, pair moccasins. F. A. Rodden, first, D. Sprigings, second.

HALF MILE, Married men's race, open to Hotel employees, 1st prize, a Cooking stove, 2nd prize, set of Cologne Bottles. W. F. Denman, first, L. Leclerc, second.

220 YARDS CONSOLATION RACE,—1st prize, silver medal. W. L. Murray, first.

After the Races, by way of reward the Judges were treated to a volley of snow balls, hurled by some frolicsome youngsters and forced to vacate the Judges' stand rather precipitately, otherwise the meeting passed off very pleasantly.

INDEPENDENT CLUB STEEPLE CHASE.

The Annual Mountain (Club) Steeple Chase of this Club, took place over the usual course on Saturday afternoon, the 5th March, 1881.

The track was in a heavy condition owing to a thaw.

There were seven competitors, who arrived in the following order:

N- John Fraser, first.
W. Cleghorn, second.
N. Leduc, third,

with P. Gorman, B. Levin, Jr. and Swain, in order.

The Annual Club Dinner took place at Prendergast's after the Race, when some 50 members and guests sat down to one of "mine host Wattie's' best spreads.

WAVERLEY CLUB (QUEBEC) RACES.

The first Annual Races of the Waverley Club of Quebec, took place on the Esplanade on Saturday afternoon, the 12th March, 1881. There was a grand stand erected for spectators. The track was laid out in circular form, and was a quarter of a mile round.

His Honor the Lieut-Governor, Hon. Madame Chapleau and other notables favoured the meeting with their presence.

During the course of the afternoon part of the Grand stand fell, causing quite a panic, fortunately no one was seriously injured, and the excitement soon subsided.

The "Montreal" had no representatives present, but the "St. George" Club sent down Messrs. J. Bolton and George Maclaine. Maclaine carried off

the one mile, and Bolton the 100 yards and quarter mile races.

The Judges were Lieut. Col. D'Orsonnes, Lieut. Cotton, Lt. Col. Turnbull, E. G. Scott, Esq., and Chas. Fitzpatrick, Esq. H. J. Millar acted as starter, D. S. Rickaby, as Timekeeper, and M. J. Sutton, as Secretary.

The sports opened with a

HALF MILE RACE, open to "A" Battery and local active Militia men in undress uniform, Government pattern snow shoes,—first prize, silver medal, second prize, Album presented by R. Morgan, Esq.—3 competitors.

T. Norton, 8th Royal Rifles, first, G. Norton, 8th Royal Rifles, second, time, 4.17.

ONE MILE, open,—1st prize, silver cup, presented by Hon. A. P. Caron, Minister of Militia, 2nd prize, gold pencil,—4 competitors.

George Maclaine, St. George Club won easily, H. Monk, Levis Club, taking second place—time 7.0½.

100 YARDS, heats, open,—1st, prize, gold and silver medal. 2nd prize, opera glass,—4 competitors.

J. Bolton, St. George Club, won first prize, A. J. Messervey. Waverley Club, second.

QUARTER MILE, GREEN, CLUB RACE, run in uniform,—1st prize, silver medal, presented by Wm. Duchesneau, Esq., 2nd prize, meerschaum pipe, presented by J. Shapera, Esq., 3rd prize, inkstand, presented by C. E. Holliwell, Esq.—9 competitors.

Colin Hetherington, first, time 1.33, A. Corneil, second, James Stewart, third.

QUARTER MILE, boys,—1st prize, pair of vases, presented by F. Sullivan, Esq., 2nd prize, pair of snow shoes, presented by Messrs. G. R. Renfrew & Co., 3rd prize, pocket knife,—9 competitors.

R. Norton, first, time 1.56, W. Hunt, second.

HALF MILE, club,—1st prize, silver cup, presented by Lt. Col. Alleyn, 2nd prize, silver medal, presented by proprietor of Union Honse,—5 competitors.

A, J. Messervey, first, time 3.23, C. Hetherington, second.

100 YARDS, 3 legged race,—1st prize, pair ornamented clocks, 2nd prize, pair of silver pins,—4 competitors.

J. Sutherland and A. Simons, first, R. and G. Norton, second.

QUARTER MILE, open,—1st prize, gold medal, 2nd prize, gold scarf pin, presented by G. Seifert, Esq.—3 competitors.

J. Bolton, St. George Club, first, time 1.27. S. A. Piton, Levis Club, second.

120 YARDS, HURDLES, Club,—1st prize, medal, presented by W. E. Russell, Esq., Hon. Vice-President, 2nd prize, Travelling case, presented by Joseph Sutherland, Esq. — 5 competitors.

M. Hawkins, first, James Stewart, second.

THREE QUARTER MILE, open to City firemen and police —1st prize, silver butter cooler, 2nd prize, case of Razors, 3rd prize, pickle stand,—4 competitors.

Fireman Duval of No. 5 Station, first, time 6.12. Constable Cameron, second, Constable McAnceny, third.

ONE MILE STEEPLE CHASE, club,—1st prize, silver medal,

2nd prize, locket, both presented by lady friends of the club, 3rd prize, a cake, presented by R. Winfield, Esq. 4th prize, Combination Travelling bag.

Hurdles and brushwood being placed on the track made the task a difficult one for the competitors,—6 competed. A. J. Messervey led from the start, time 8.05, W. R. Brodie, second, Jos. Sutherland, third, R. Griffith, fourth.

At the conclusion of the sports, which were very successful and orderly, the prizes were distributed to the successful competitors by Madame Chapleau.

The following events are here inserted, having been omitted at their proper dates.

"LEVIS" CLUB.

QUARTER MILE, green club,—1st prize, locket, 2nd prize, sash.—3 competitors.

Fred. Ritchie, first, R. Shipman, second.

QUARTER MILE, CONSOLATION,—1st prize, $4, 2nd prize, $3, 3rd prize, $2.

Chas. Millar, first, S. Paulet, second, W. R. Brodie, third.

"TERRA NOVA" CLUB STEEPLE CHASE.

The "Terra Nova" Club, formed by natives of Newfoundland, was organized on 4th Dec., 1873. The first steeple chase open only to members, took place on the 12th March, 1874 and was won by W. M. Le Messurier, J. Winter, second, Furlong, third. 7 competitors.

"TERRA NOVA" CLUB STEEPLE CHASE.

The Annual Club Mountain Steeple Chase of this Club took place over the Mountain on the 11th March, 1875, and was won by E. W. Mudge, a member of the Montreal Club.

ANNUAL MEETING 1876-77.

The Annual Meeting took place in the Montreal Gymnasium on Wednesday evening, the 8th of November, 1876, 100 members were present. In the absence of the President Mr. C. Peers Davidson, the Vice-President Mr. Angus Grant, occupied the chair.

After the Annual Report of the Committee and Treasurer's Statement were read and adopted, the following notice of motion was given by Mr. H. W. Becket, seconded by Messrs. Robert Crosbie and J. K. Whyte.

"That the entrance fee to this Club be three dollars, in addition to the annual subscription of two dollars." [Said motion was laid before the club in conformity with Article 17 of the By-Laws, and was lost on division.]

The following gentlemen were elected officers for the season :

C. PEERS DAVIDSON,—*President.*
ROBT. CROSBIE,—*1st Vice-President.*
H. W. BECKET,—*2nd do*
W. C. TROTTER,—*Secretary.*
F. C. A. MCINDOE,—*Treasurer.*

Committee.

A. W. STEVENSON, D. E. BOWIE, J. R. MCKEDIE,
D. C. ALGUIRE, J. SUTHERLAND, G. R. STARKE,
EDWARD BULMER.

There were 14 names proposed for membership.

ANNUAL STEEPLE CHASE OF THE "TERRA NOVA" CLUB.

The Annual Mountain Steeple Chase of this Club took place over the Mountain course, on the evening of 20th February, 1878—open only to members, winners of former years barred.

Elliott, first, Winter, second.

STARKE-MOWAT RACE.

The final heat for the possession of the handsome trophy presented by a Life Member, Col. W. H. Hutton, was run for on Thursday afternoon, 15th February, 1877. Messrs Starke and Mowat were the only competitors. The former winning in 3 min. 17 sec.

The first two heats were run at the Annual Races of the Club, on 10th February 1877. Mr. Mowat won the first heat, and Mr. Starke the second, but by a short head only—some of the Judges declaring it a dead heat.

MONTREAL CLUB "CUP" WINNERS.

DATE.	WINNER.	LOCALITY.	TIME.
			M. S.
1857	Frank Dowd.	Mile End Course.	
1858	Thomas Coffin,	do	
1859	Wm. Stanley,	do	14.28
1860	Hartland MacDougall,	do	14.47
1861	J. Blakeley,	Montreal Cricket field,	15.30
1862	Chas. W. Radiger,	do	14.10
1863	C. Fisher,	do	14.32
1864	George Massey,	do	14.05
1865	Alex. M. Davidson,	Victoria Gardens,	16.00
1866	P. Macfarlane.	do	15.25
1867	Chas. Bouthillier,	Montreal Cricket Ground,	14.55
1868	James Henderson,	do	14.14
1869	Leslie Skelton,	Montreal Lacrosse Ground,	14.47
1870	Robert H. Brand,	do	13.39½
1871	William Kissock,	do	12.36½
1872	Edward W. Mudge,	do	14.14
1873	R. Scott,	do	
1874	John McGinn,	do	14.55
1875	Thomas E. Hodgson	do	14.22
1876	Geo. R. Starke,	do	13.44
1877	Geo. Roy,	do	14.13
1878	T. L. Paton,	do	14.26
1879	A. W. McTaggart,	do	13.45
1880	Robert Summerhayes,	do	14.45
1881	D. D. McTaggart.	do	* 12.19⅞

* D. D. McTaggart, 12 m. 19⅞ sec.—best on record.

Montreal Club Mountain Steeple Chases with other "open" Races over same course,

YEAR	"CLUB" OR "OPEN."	WINNERS.	TIME.	REMARKS.
1869	Montreal green, club,	Leslie J. Skelton,	23.40	Union Avenue to Duclos Hotel—track fair, night
1869	Montreal, open,	Wm. L. Maltby, (M.)	23.35	College Gates to " " heavy, day
1870	Dominion—open,	Wm Harper, (D)	19.32	do Bellevue " " good, day,
1870	Vosburg—open,	Charles Boyle, (A.)	21.00	do do " " " "
1870	Montreal—club,	Leslie Skelton,	22.02	do do " " heavy, night,
1870	Vosburg—green,	Gilroy, J. (A.)	27.00	do do " " fair—dark "
1871	Montreal—green, club,	Charles Skelton,	22.10	do do " "good clear "
1871	Montreal—club,	Sam Macdonald,	23.05	do do " " day,
1872	" green, club,	James K. Whyte,	40.00	do do " " icy—night,
1872	" club,	Duncan F. Bowie,	26.43	do Prendergast's " heavy—dark night,
1873	" green, club,	Robert McGillis,	36.00	do Vosburgs new House " " "
1873	" club,	Fred. McIndoe,	24.00	do do do track good " "
1873	" "	Thos E. Hodgson,	22.30	do Roy's do " fair—bright night
1874	Canada open,	Chas. Lamothe, (C.)	19.35	do do do " poor— day,
1875	Montreal—club,	Thos. E. Hodgson,	24.07	do do do " good—bright "
1876	" "	Chas. Lamothe,	24.23	Union Av. to Prendergast's, track rough, clear night
1877	" "	Geo. R. Starke,	28.30	College Gates do track heavy—dark night,
1877	Prendergast—open,	do (M.)	18.50	do do do day,
1877	Montreal Club handicap.	E. H. Hanna, (2¼ m.)	21.45	do do track fair— night,
1878	" club,	Geo. R. Starke,	20.00	Union Avenue do " good—clear night,
1878	" open,	do (M.)	*18.30	College Gates do " " day,
1878	Emerald "	Joseph Boyle,	21.11	do do " heavy, "
1879	Montreal—club,	Geo R. Starke,	23.16	do do " " misty night,
1880	" "	do	21.25	do do " " clear "
1880	Emerald—open,	Joseph Boyle, (E)	†18.03¼	do to Lumkins " slippery, clear "
1880	Montreal,—green, club,	D D. McTaggart,	23.26	do to Prendergast's " fair—night line,
1881	do club,	Thos. L. Paton,	19.12½	do do " good—night clear .
1882	do green, club,	Geo. L. Satt,	24.10	do to Lumkins, " fair—dark night,

Letters at the end of names as follows (M) Montreal, (A) Alexandra, (D) Dominion, (C) Canada, (E) Emerald.
* George R. Starke, Montreal Club, 18.30 best on record. Distance two miles and a half, less 100 yard.
† Joseph Boyle, 18.03¼.—This distance is fully half a mile shorter than to Prendergast's Gate.

BEST PERFORMANCES ON RECORD.

It might be well to state, in justice to the gentlemen who competed in Races previous to 1869, that their records compare most favorably with those of a later date, inasmuch as the snow shoes worn by competitors in races since that year, were and are much lighter in build. Owing to the keen competition and club rivalry which then sprung into existence, every exertion was made to have the shoes as light as possible, and from the year 1869 to 1872 the usual "cross country" shoe, hitherto used in Races, as well as in "tramps," was discarded in the former for the light racing shoe. This was made so light as to become merely a skeleton of the original; for instance, Messrs Boyle and Armstrong, with others of their day, ran in shoes, which weighed with strings between *eleven* and *twelve* ounces, while previous to 1869, shoes weighing less than *two pounds* were a curiosity.

This advantage, as well as the prepared race track, in favour of the more modern runners, assisted materially in the lowering of "old time" records. But as, in rowing, the time test on the snow shoe track is hardly a fair criterion of the merits of the different competitors; for it is safe to state that seldom or never have the tracks been twice in the

same condition ; and this has been more especially the case since 1871, as after the relegation to obscurity of the " baby shoe, " a thoroughly prepared track has not been such a necessity.

On December 30th, 1871 a Convention of Snow shoe clubs was held in the Globe Chop House, St. James Street, Montreal, to decide upon a regulation weight for the Racing shoe, when the following law was passed. " That the shoes, including " strings shall not be less than 1½ lbs. in weight, " and shall measure not less than 10 inches gut in " width."

100 YARDS RUN.

		SEC.	
1861	Montreal Club,	12	John Murray,—Montreal.
1868	do "	12½	E. A. Whitehead, do
1869	do "	12½	J. C. James, do
1869	do "	12	Franc O. Wood, do
1871	do "	* 11¼	J. D. Armstrong,—Canada.
1871	Grand Trunk Club	12	H. G. Young,—Dominion.
1871	do "	12½	D. E. Bowie,—Montreal.
1876	Montreal "	12½	Robert Summerhayes.—Montreal.
1877	do	13	J. M. Vaughan,—Caledonia.

* J. D. Armstrong, 11¼ sec.—best on record.

100 AND 120 YARDS HURDLE RUNS.

		SEC.	
1861	Aurora Club,	18	H. E. Murray, (120)—Montreal.
1869	Dominion "	14½	Charles Rose, (100)—Dominion.
1869	Ottawa "	14½	H. W. Becket (100)—Alexandra.
1869	do "	* 13½	J. D. Armstrong, " Dominion.
1871	Grand Trunk Club,	14½	do " Canada.
1871	Montreal "	14¾	H. W. Becket, " Montreal.

* J. D. Armstrong, (100 yds.) 13½ sec.—best on record.

FOUR HUNDRED AND FORTY YARDS.

1 min. 15 sec. and better.

YEAR	AT RACES OF	TIME.	NAME OF RUNNER AND CLUB.
		M.S.	
1869	Dominion Club,	1.10½	Charles Rose—Dominion.
1869	High School "	1.14	J. D. Armstrong, do
1869	Dominion "	1.13¼	J. C. James,—Montreal.
1870	Montreal "	1.15	Leslie Skelton, do
1870	Dominion "	1.13	do do
1870	High School "	1.11	do do
1870	Alexandra "	1.13	do do
1871	Maple Leaf "	*1.05	J. D. Armstrong,—Canada.
1872	Alexandra "	1.15	Wm. K. Roy,—Alexandra.
1876	Emerald "	1.15	Robert Summerhayes,—Montreal.
1879	Montreal "	1.11¼	do do
1881	do "	1.10	Geo. F. Corcoran, do
1881	do "	1.12	Thos. Davidson,(2nd)—St. George.

* J. D. Armstrong, 1.05—best on record.

HALF MILE RUN.

3 min. and better.

DATE.	AT RACES OF	TIME M.S.	NAME OF RUNNER AND CLUB.
1856	Montreal Club,	(?) 2.36	John Murray,—Montreal.
1868	Ran against time,	2.47	Wm. L. Maltby, do
1869	Dominion Club,	3.00	J. D. Armstrong.—Dominion
"	do	2.48¼	Chas. Bouthillier,—Montreal.
"	do	2.50¾	Sam. C. Stevenson,—Dominion.
"	High School Club,	3.00	Geo. Cowan,...High School.
"	do	2.56	Charles Rose,—Dominion.
"	Dominion Club,	2.42½	do do
1870	G. T. R. Club,	2.51	D. G. Macdonnell,(*Morrisburgh*)
"	Montreal Club,	2.56½	W. K. Roy,—Alexandra.
"	Dominion Club,	2.48½	E. W. Mudge,—Montreal.
"	Alexandra Club,	2.52	Leslie Skelton, do
1871	Montreal Club,	2.43¾	R. H. Brand, do
1872	Maple Leaf Club,	2.58	T. E. Hodgson, do
1876	Emerald Club,	* 2.40	do do
1879	Montreal Club,	2.58½	T. L. Paton, do
"	Emerald Club,	2.59	Chas. Lamothe,—St. George.
"	Montreal Club,	2.57	Robert Summerhayes,—Montreal
1881	Levis (Que). Club.	2.55	Norman Fletcher, do
"	St. George Club,	2.55½	Geo. F. Corcoran, do
"	do	2.58	Joseph Lang, (2nd.)
"	Montreal do	2.51	John Paterson, do
"	do do	2.56	C. J. Patton, do
"	do do	2.49	Norman Fletcher. do

* T. E. Hodgson, 2.40, best on record. ? J. Murray, record questionable

ONE MILE RUN.

6 minutes and better.

DATE.	AT RACES OF	TIME. M.S.	NAME OF RUNNER AND CLUB.
1869	Dominion Club,	5.48	Wm. L. Maltby —Montreal.
"	do	5.51	Wm. Harper, (2nd)—Dominion.
"	do	5.58½	John Robinson, do
1870	do	5.55	James Minchin do
"	do	6.00	D. G. McDonnell,(Morrisburgh).
1871	Grand Trunk Club,	5.56¼	E. W. Mudge,—Montreal.
"	Montreal Club,	*5.39¾	John F. Scholes,—Toronto.
1872	Maple Leaf Club,	5.50	W. K Roy,—Alexandra.
1881	Montreal Club,	5.56½	Chas. Lamothe,—St. George.

* J. F. Scholes, 5.39¾ —best on record.

TWO MILE RUN,

13 minutes and better.

		M.S.	
1868	Matthews' Cup,	12.58	Wm. L. Maltby,—Montreal.
"	Against time,	12.36½	do do
1870	Dominion Club,	12.47	Wm. Harper,—Dominion.
"	do	12.33	Jas Minchin, do
"	High School "	* 11.55	Chas. Boyle,—Alexandra.
"	Harper-Boyle,	12.16¾	do do
"	Alexandra Club,	12.46	do do
1871	Montreal Club,	12.36½	Wm. F. Kissock,—Montreal.
"	Maple Leaf "	12.06½	John F. Scholes,—Toronto.
1872	Montreal "	12.45	Wm. K. Roy, Alexandra.
1877	Emerald "	12'55½	George R. Starke,—Montreal
1881	" "	12.19⅜	D. D. McTaggart, do
"	" "	13.00	Chas. J. Patton, (2nd) do

* Chas. Boyle, 11.55,— best on record.

INDIAN RECORD—same distance.

		M.S.	
1865	Aurora Club,	12.38	Thomas,
1870	Alexandra Club.	12.21	Keroniare,
1871	Grand Trunk Club,	*11.30	do
1872	Montreal Club,	12.19	do
1876	Emerald Club,	12.22	Jno. Lefevbre,
1881	Montreal Club,	11.46½	do
"	do	11.56	Baptiste Daillebout, (2nd).

* Keroniare, 11.30,—best on record.

LONG DISTANCE RACES.

DATE.	DISTANCE.	RACES.	TIME.	WINNER AND CLUB.
			M.S.	
1859	5 Miles	"Eyre's" cup,	43.28	Wm. Stanley, Montreal.
1861	3 "	"Williams" cup,	21.20	H. S. MacDougall do
1864	4 "	"Paulet" cup,	28.52	R. Tate, Aurora.
1864	3 "	Aurora races.	23.10	W. L. Maltby, Aurora.
1868	3 "	Alexandra Club.	20.46	Do Montreal.
"	4 "	Montreal "	27.33½	Keroniare, Indian.
"	3 "	Dominion "	19.47	Do do
1871	4 "	Montreal "	24.04	Do do

LONG DISTANCE WALKS.

1861	4 miles.	Aurora Club.	39.15	Charles Broster, Aurora.
1862	5 "	Montreal "	53.15	T. W. Taylor, Montreal.

Members of the Montreal Snow Shoe Club.

SEASON ENDING 1881-2.

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